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176 at PSS get pink slips

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REPORTER

Early 200 employees of the Public School System were issued pink slips after being found non-compliant with the licensure and certification policy of the Board of Education.

- » Action due to noncompliance with BOE licensure, certification policy
- » Principals given flexibility to announce posts for new school year

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that PSS' Human Resource Office issued the 90-day non-renewal notices to mostly classroom teachers.

Sablan said the Board of Education requires five types of certificates: basic I, basic II, specialized, standard with endorsement, and profes-

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Tim Villagomez back on Saipan

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Former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez is back on Saipan to face resentencing.



Villagomez

Multiple sources disclosed that the U.S. Marshal escorted Villagomez from a federal prison in Arizona to Saipan last week for his resentencing next week.

Sources said the U.S. Marshal brought Villagomez to the Department of Corrections in Susupe upon his arrival at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport last Tuesday.

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No payroll for Tinian municipal employees

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Tinian municipal employees did not receive a paycheck on Friday, in addition to the 24 hours that were unpaid in the previous payroll, because no portion of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino revenue was remitted to the municipal government recently.

» In addition to unpaid 24 hours in previous payday

HOMESTEAD PLANS

Department of Public Lands acting secretary Pete A. Tenorio, second from right, addresses members of the House Ways and Means Committee on Thursday on DPL's fiscal year 2014 budget. Tenorio said yesterday DPL has set aside \$2 million for eight homestead subdivisions on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan for FY 2014 but the department would need more than this amount to complete the projects.

House could vote on Saipan casino bill tomorrow

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killed at the Senate for the second time and six years since Saipan voters rejected the idea, also for the second time.

As of yesterday, however, there is no telling whether the casino bill will muster enough votes to pass the 20-member House.

A committee that reviewed House floor leader Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) casino bill pre-filed its report on Friday, recommending that the full House act on House Bill 18-45.

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Hart firm on non-renewal of two faculty members' contracts

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Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., is firm in her decision not to renew the contracts of two of her most vocal critics—Larry Lee and Kyle Podziewski—despite petitions being circulated in the campus and community calling for the two's reinstatement.

In a statement yesterday, Hart said that activities that heighten students' civic engagement should be encouraged. She described the petition as "a responsible means for students to express their view on matters that affect the college."

Since this weekend, a petition has been circulated among NMC employees and students

seeking support for the reinstatement of the two faculty members, who, the petition states, are "victims" of the president's retaliation.

According to Hart, her administration maintains an open-door policy and she encourages the organizers of the petition to meet with her so they can discuss their concerns.

"However, I will stress that we will continue to do what is in the best interest of the institution, including making personnel decisions that may not be popular," Hart said, adding that NMC does not publicly comment on matters

dealing with individual personnel issues.

Efforts to get comments from Board of Regents chair Juan T. Lizama yesterday failed. He said last week, however, that the board, as a policymaking body, will not

intervene in the non-renewal of faculty members as this is entirely administrative in nature. He cited the authority and flexibility given by the board to the president in running the affairs of the institution.

There also remains the question whether the petition—once final—will be accepted by the board, according to Andrew Orsini, chairman of the board'

personnel and fiscal committee.

Orsini reiterated Lizama's statement that the non-renewal of Lee and Podziewski is purely administrative in nature and not a policy matter that needs the board's action.

However, if they do decide to accept the petition, Orsini said the board may probably ask Hart about the matter, depending on the guidance of the board's lawyer. Whether the petition will be accepted or not, he added, depends entirely on the full board.

Board member Frank Rabau-liman declined to comment on the issue yesterday.

According to the petition,

"The cornerstone of academic freedom is free and open exchange of ideas. Everyone should be alarmed by the censoring of faculty members who voiced ethical concerns about education and institutional policies. This damages the central mission of the NMC."

Sources disclosed that organizers of the petition for the two faculty members are planning to conduct a collection rally this afternoon around 4pm at the Microl Intersection to gather more signatures.

Advance notice

According to Hart, each depart-



HONOR ROLL

Academic honors were given to the following students:

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Kaitlyn Amber Balgoa (2nd Grade)
John Kent Dlc. Clitar (2nd Grade)
Marvin Dlc. Clitar (3rd Grade)
Angelica S. Lucero (7th Grade)
Jonelle Toskas (7th Grade)

A HONOR ROLL

SonJoe S. Manuel (1st Grade)
Brylle Angelo P. Reyel (1st Grade)
Randy Jesse P. Taisacan (3rd Grade)
Tyra Reese A. Calvo (6th Grade)
Metka C. Mendiola (7th Grade)

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Landen C. Atalig (2nd grade)
Michael Jon Cantil (2nd grade)
Auston Marvin E. Guiawan (3rd Grade)
Maria Althea C. Mendiola (3rd Grade)
Angelo S. Lucero (5th Grade)
Junice Dawn Masga (5th Grade)
Loreville Dlc. Clitar (7th Grade)

and as someone said, it really does take a whole community to raise a child," added ESFDB board president Maratita Jr.

The ceremony was held at the San Francisco de Borja Church.

Prior to the ceremony, Mass was held and celebrated by Rev. Fr. Charlie Borja. (*Edward Maratita Jr.*)

dated January 2001 (this document is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater> or <http://www.deq.gov.mp>). DEQ Safe Drinking Water staff are also available to review a draft of your CCR. Please arrange an appointment with Safe Drinking Water Branch staff Leilani S. Deleon Guerrero at 664-8500 prior to June 15, 2013, if you want help with preparing your CCR. (PR)

Kendall then met with Joyner, during which the defendant pointed to Fatial's picture and stated that "he should not resign, he should die."

Kendall told Joyner about Fatial being responsible for the messy state of the CNMI. He allegedly stated that when Fatial uses the back door to avoid the media, he (Kendall) will be there at the same time "and bash him with the metal pipe or aluminum bat." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

ESFDB holds kindergarten promotion ceremony

Six kindergarten graduates of the Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja on Rota received their diplomas in front of proud parents, grandparents, guests, and school officials.

The kindergarten graduates are Titus Hugh T. Hocog, Star C. Mendiola, Perry James K. Mesngon II, Norbert H. Mundo III, John Anthony Tobongbanua, and Ari James Toskas.

Other special awards awarded to the Kindergarten Class of 2013 were the Shining Star Award given to Tobongbanua, Mendiola, and Toskas; Super Reader Award presented to Mendiola and Tobongbanua; Star Reader Award for Toskas; Most Improved Award for Hocog and Mesngon III; and Phonics Award for Mundo, III.

The graduates will be going off to first grade in the fall.

Joining the kindergarten graduates on this special occasion were the preschool and first to seventh grade students. They were recognized and honored for their academic journey during school year 2012 – 2013.

The preschool students were recognized for their academic emergence as bright individuals ready to take on kindergarten. These students are Rianna Isa T. Barcina, Dante Dlc. Fernandez, Marco



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ESFDB kindergarten graduates, from left, Titus Hugh T. Hocog, John Anthony Tobongbanua, Star C. Clitar, Ari James Toskas, Perry James K. Mesngon II, and Norbert H. Mundo III.

Edward B. Hocog, and Edward U. Maratita III.

Other preschool students recognized for their accomplishments were Brynn Annalise SN. Atalig, Damian "J" H. Atalig, Marcielle Grace V. Atalig, Hally Ann C. Flawau, and Cadence D'Aña Manglona.

Carmen H. Atalig, administrator and principal, assisted by Rev. Fr. Charlie Borja, parish ad-

ministrator; Edward C. Maratita, Jr. ESFDB board president; and ESFDB teachers Florinda M. Chavez, Mary Rose Lucero, and Lea Maratita handed out the diplomas and certificates.

"One of my greatest joys in life is to help kids reach their potential, and setting them in an environment for school that will help them to grow and develop, give them a love for learning

and just a love for education," Carmen H. Atalig said. "The kindergarten level, especially, it needs to be an environment where they get a good start on their educational career, educational path and they want to come to school every morning."

"We to develop a kind of atmosphere at ESFDB where we have a relationship with our school families and our parents,

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Water systems reminded of CCRs for 2012

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CPA lowers job requirement for executive director post

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority board has approved a new job description for the executive director's position. However, the new requirements were labeled by one of its members as "a clear show" of lowering the agency's standards to accommodate a specific person.

Board member Thomas "Kiyu" Villagomez made this revelation Friday after failing to convince his colleagues to maintain the minimum requirements the agency has used since 2008. That included a four-year degree from an accredited U.S. college or university with no less than seven years of progressively responsible experience in the fields of management, engineering, financial, aviation and/or maritime industry.

Villagomez also cautioned that lowering the requirement may expose the board to potential lawsuits.

The board adopted the new requirement Friday by a vote of 4-1. The new rule now requires the candidate to have a college degree from an accredited university, preferably in management or in the aviation or maritime industry. But this college degree, according to the newly approved standard, may be sub-

stituted with at least 10 years' experience in public administration in local or state government at any level.

Offered by member Benigno Sablan on the floor, this motion got the support of Fermín Sakisat, Frances Mafnas, and chair Jose Lifoifoi. Vil-

» College degree may be substituted by long years of govt service
» Villagomez questions lowered standards; warns colleagues of potential lawsuits

lagozmo voted to oppose the proposal. Rota board member Barrie Toves was absent while the Tinian representative on the board remains vacant.

The CPA board first created the job description for the executive director post in October 1995. It has gone through two revisions in 2006 and 2008.

Documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune* showed that the minimum requirements set in 1995 included graduation from high school and a four-year degree from an accredited institution, with no less than seven years' experience in aviation and/or maritime industry, a U.S. international airport and/or seaport operations of which five years are high level

managerial experience.

In September 2006, the requirement was changed to graduation from high school and college degree with no less than seven years experience in aviation and/or maritime industry, or international seaport operations, of which five years are high level managerial experience. This requirement may be substituted with a two-year degree from an accredited institution and no less than 12 years of high managerial experience.

Another change was made in February 2008, requiring the candidate to have a four-year college degree with no less than seven years' experience in either of the following areas: management, engineer-

ing, financial, aviation and/or maritime industry.

Upon approval of the new requirement on Friday, the board instructed the announcement of the executive director position, to run in two weeks.

The board also lowered the salary of the executive director from \$90,000 per annum to a maximum of \$70,000 per annum.

The board fired Edward Deleon Guerrero from his post as executive director last month. He served the agency for three years.

'Political'

Although he concedes that the executive director post may be a "political position," Villagomez pointed out that the board—in making this important decision—must be careful with its

fiduciary responsibilities.

"I know it's a political position and it's only about the number of votes. But we have to be careful on our fiduciary duty as a board," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune* Friday during a break in the meeting.

Citing past board documents, Villagomez pointed out that the agency's previous legal counsel, Douglas Cushnie, had warned previous boards that lowering the standard for the position is deemed illegal in nature. Thus, the requirement of a college degree and related experience in aviation and maritime industry were kept.

"The question now is: are we going to lower the standard so we can put somebody [in the position] or what? If so, is it le-

gal?" Villagomez asked his colleagues before resting his case.

Citing sources, *Saipan Tribune* earlier reported that longtime lawmaker Diego Benavente may be appointed to the CPA post.

During Friday's deliberation, legal counsel for the day Janet King emphasized that whatever the board decides on the job description will be binding and will be published as desired by the board.

Sablan, meantime, described his proposal as "basically the same" requirements (set in previous years) for the executive director position.

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Tang's Corp. takes over temporary equipment rental deal with DPW

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A new contractor is taking over a temporary equipment rental agreement with the Marpi landfill, until at least the award of a long-term contract for a much wider scope of work at the solid waste facility.

Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan confirmed yesterday that Tang's Corp. will be providing equipment rental for the landfill effective yesterday.

Tang's Corp. was selected over long-time equipment rental contractor SARS/Success International.

Sablan said that Tang's and SARS submitted proposals late Saturday afternoon for a temporary equipment rental, and DPW chose Tang's proposal.

The DPW secretary said Tang's proposal was around \$10,000.

Henry Miao, owner and general manager of SARS, confirmed, meanwhile, that their proposal was over \$29,000 including manpower.

Miao also told *Saipan Tribune* that SARS started removing their equipment from the landfill yesterday.

Meanwhile, the procurement for a long-term contract to operate the Marpi landfill—a much

wider scope of work compared to only equipment rental service—has yet to be completed.

Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan denied SARS' protest on the landfill project. Tang's was the selected bidder in the project.

SARS' Miao said yesterday their lawyer is now preparing to file procurement appeal with the Office of the Public Auditor, to be filed this week.

Sablan said DPW hopes that once OPA receives an appeal, it won't maximize the time available to decide on the procurement appeal so that a long-term contract could be awarded, instead of relying on a monthly equipment rental agreement.

SARS has been providing DPW with temporary equipment rental services since last year, when PDL pulled out from operating the landfill.

However, Sablan reiterated that the amount of backfill material that SARS uses is almost double the required material, therefore shortening the landfill's lifespan. Sablan said there has also been no proper compaction at the landfill since last year.

These could subject the landfill to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Division of Environmental Quality citations, he added.

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Region's largest education conference set in NMI

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Educators, experts, and policymakers from around and within the Pacific will gather on Saipan next month in an event that will—for the first time—bring to the Pacific the national winner of the Teacher of the Year competition.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Rebecca Mielichecki, the national 2012 Teacher of the Year, has confirmed her participation in the Annual Pacific Educational Conference that will take place on July 16 to 19.

Mielichecki is a 7th grade English teacher at California's Luther Burbank Middle School,

which has 1,100 students from grades 6 to 8. She has been teaching for 14 years and has spent nine years in her current position.

She is the 2005 California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year for Southern California, a 2009 PTA Honorary Service Award winner, and a BTSA mentor, and has also served as a teacher expert for CSUN College of Education Panel titled "The ABC's of IEPs."

This will be the first time for CNMI Public School System to host the Annual Pacific Educational Conference. The event will be held at the Marianas High School.



Over 200 have already registered for the four-day conference, which will also highlight regional and national education experts.

On the first day, keynote speaker is Dr. Tim Waters, the chief executive officer of the nation's top education think-tank, Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning.

On the second day, the main speaker is Dr. Mark Elgart, the CEO of the globally recognized accreditation consortium AdvancED, while Dr. Tim Boals will take center stage on Day 3. Boals is the CEO of World-Class Instruction Design and Assessment.

Saipan casino bill vote is, it will be "respected."

The speaker added that the purpose of tomorrow's session is to "clear" the House calendar in preparation for the fiscal year 2014 budget bill that is expected to be introduced before the end of June.

All the seven members of the House Committee on Commerce signed off on the report recommending full House action on the casino bill.

They are chairman Villagomez, vice chair Rep. Ralph Yumul (IR-Saipan), Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), Rep. Antonio Agulto (IR-Saipan), minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan), Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan), and Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan).

The panel said it recognizes the potential financial benefits of establishing casinos on Saipan while also cognizant of the negative impacts it may have on families.

Committee members also said they are aware that voters said no to casino gambling twice during previous

general elections, and "members feel that the question should be asked of the voters once again, instead of passing the legislation."

"The committee is left in an indeterminate state and highly recommends that the full membership of the House decide upon this highly divisive bill. In the event that the full body agrees to pass HB 18-45, the committee would like to recommend that the CNMI Retirement Fund's recommendations be incorporated into the existing bill and will be introduced as a floor amendment to HB 18-45," the committee report states.

Demapan, main author of the bill, said allowing a casino industry on Saipan will pump more money into the NMI Retirement Fund and support other services such as public health, education, and safety.

Up to 80 percent of casino license fees, gaming taxes, other taxes, fees and payments associated with Saipan casino operations will go toward the pension agency.

The Retirement Fund is

Joe Willhoft, executive director of the Smarter Balanced Assessment consortium, is also expected to attend.

Excited by this rare opportunity given to the Commonwealth and the Pacific, Sablan encouraged educators in both public and private schools as well as policymakers and members of the public to participate in the conference.

Registration is \$125 for the four-day event while it charges \$50 for those wanting to attend just one day. For public school teachers, PSS is shouldering half of the registration cost, to give them the chance to be at this important conference.

Organized by the CNMI-PSS in collaboration with PREL, the conference will allow leaders,

expected to expire in March 2014 unless it receives an immediate infusion of \$60 million to \$70 million annually starting this year.

The bill's co-sponsors said there is no revenue-generating measure that will have major and immediate impact than a Saipan casino authorization.

Investors have the option of securing a 40-year "exclusive license" for \$2 million a year or a total of \$80 million, half of which is payable in advance within 90 days of the license's approval, or a "non-exclusive casino license" which is limited to three casinos in three separate locations on Saipan.

This is for \$3 million a year for 10 years or total of \$30 million, half of which is also payable within 90 days of the license's approval.

Rota and Tinian each gets 5 percent of these funds, while the remaining 10 percent goes to Saipan projects. Tinian and Rota allow casino operations but so far, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is continuously operating.

open on Sept. 2.

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policymakers, and educators to interact with their counterparts from American Samoa, Chuuk, Guam, Hawaii, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Marshall Islands, Palau, and Yap.

Prosecution, defense counsel rest in jury trial of Backman

The prosecution and the defense counsel rested their cases yesterday in the ongoing jury trial in federal court of karaoke operator Chang Ru Meng Backman.

Closing arguments will begin today, Tuesday.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom yesterday afternoon, U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Ramona V. Manglona was still discussing jury instruction with the parties.

Attorneys Victorino and Joaquin Torres, counsel for Backman, only called one witness, Backman's mother-in-law.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy called to the witness stand three alleged victims and played its video deposition of former Public School System associate commissioner Peter Leau.

U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G.

PAYROLL

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pachinko fee collection bill to help pay the employees."

On May 17, municipal employees got paid only 56 of the 80 hours biweekly payroll. Prior to that, the payroll was delayed for only a few days.

Conner's House Local Bill 18-16 appropriates \$22,000 from Tinian Local Law 14-2 and re-appropriates \$14,039 from TLL 18-1 and 18-2. Of the total amount, \$29,039 will go to the Tinian mayor's office for municipal employees' payroll account.

The remaining \$3,000 will be used by the Tinian San Jose Fiesta Committee to repay vendors, and \$4,000 for the Tinian Little League Association. Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, the only one of its kind in the CNMI, is the biggest private sector employer on Tinian.

June 12, 2013 at 9am.

Munson set the resentencing after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacated Villagomez's sentence on Dec. 18, 2012, and ordered that he be sentenced anew after finding that Munson made a mistake in calculating Villagomez's sentence.

Saipan Tribune checked the U.S. District Court for the NMI's criminal case files yesterday, which showed that neither the U.S. Attorney's Office nor Villagomez's counsel has yet to file any motion or resentencing recommendations.

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CASINO

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(Cov-Saipan) Committee on Commerce's report is adopted, it could be immediately placed on the bill calendar for action tomorrow.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), in an interview after a leadership meeting yesterday afternoon, said the casino legislation was discussed at the meeting but there was no telling whether the bill would have enough votes to pass because the prospective votes were not counted in the first place.

"Let the chips fall where they may," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*. "We didn't count the votes. Let those in support of it and those opposed to it decide on it. They could debate it if they need to; hopefully it's done in a respectful manner."

Besides Demapan, there are eight other House members that co-sponsored the bill.

The speaker also hopes that whatever the outcome of the

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sional. Of these five certifications, three are renewable while two are non-renewable.

Any employee who does not meet these requirements are no longer allowed employment with the system, Sablan said.

Based on the 90-day notice, recipients are given from May 13 to Aug. 13 to obtain, complete, or renew their required licenses and certificates or they will be let go at the start of the new school year.

Sablan emphasized that it is her responsibility to fully implement the board's policy on licensure and certification.

"It's really a policy matter that needs to be implemented. This, to me, is a personal and a professional responsibility [of the employee] because no matter what profession you

are, if you are required to have a certificate or a license, you've better be [certified]," she said.

Sablan pointed out that in the U.S. mainland, the absence of a license or certificate means an individual won't be allowed employment in certain fields.

Interim HR officer Coreen Palacios said yesterday that a total of 176 notices have been issued, of which 54 cover non-renewable certificates.

Sablan remains optimistic that those who received notices will still be able to complete and fulfill the requirements.

To ensure that PSS will not be gravely impacted by the potential departure of classroom teachers, Sablan plans to ask the board for an "extension."

"The administration and the board have always been there to support. I am very sure the board will help these teachers because they are all highly

qualified and they just need to renew their licenses and take some courses. We conduct series of professional developments, there are courses offered at NMC [Northern Marianas College], and they can go online. Those are the options available for them to complete the certification requirements," explained Sablan.

At Koblerville Elementary School, three teachers and two instructors have been issued 90-day notices but principal Rizalina Purugganan is confident that all five employees will be able to meet the requirements. Most of these employees just need to submit certain documents, she said, such as a medical certificate, which is among the several documents required in a specific certificate. As contingency plan, she plans to announce the positions if they become vacant next school year.

The 90-day notice will expire Aug. 13. Classes will

open on Sept. 2.

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VILLAGOMEZ

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Acting governor revamps Scholarship Board

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Hours after convening a Cabinet meeting yesterday, acting governor Jude U. Hofsneider revamped the CNMI Scholarship Board by removing three former members, retaining one, and appointing seven new ones as part of his efforts to "improve" the government's postsecondary education assistance programs and move the scholarship program "in a new direction."

This came after Hofsneider asked for—and accepted—the courtesy resignations of four board members.

Of the four that turned in their courtesy resignation on Friday and yesterday, only Chris Concepcion's was not accepted. He remains on the board, joining the seven new appointees.

"I will assist the administration with the [scholarship] program any way I can," Concepcion told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. He turned in his resignation Friday afternoon and was notified a day later that the administration wants to retain him.

The courtesy resignations of three other members—Kodep Ogunoro-Uladong, Carol Hosono and Jacqueline Che—were accepted.

Like Concepcion, Hosono turned in his courtesy resignation on Friday. Che and Uladong turned in theirs yesterday.

This is the first time in a long time that the nine-member board will have up to eight members.

The seven new appointees to the board are Frank Lee Borja of Tinian, Chellete Mina San Nicolas of Tinian, Ramona Calvo of Rota, Edward Maratita Jr. of Rota, Mark O. Rabauliman of Saipan, Glenna SP Reyes of Saipan, and Joseph T. Torres of Saipan.

"With the passing of Public Law No. 18-6 and the recent end of the Honors Scholarship Program, it is the perfect time to revisit our government's postsecondary education assistance,

address the issues plaguing the current system, and create an improved program to better assist our citizens pursuing a postsecondary education," Hofsneider said in a statement yesterday afternoon.

Hofsneider said the small first step was his signing of Public Law 18-10 on Friday morning, removing the restriction contained in Section 5 of the Scholarship Advisory Board's rules governing the Educational Assistance Program.

Prior to PL 18-10's signing, Section 5 of the CNMI Scholarship Regulations required that a new applicant will only receive financial assistance if the applicant is either enrolled at the Northern Marianas College or at another accredited institution, and such applicant has already

obtained an associate degree.

Those who supported a repeal of this provision in the scholarship rules, including bill author Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan), said every student wishing to pursue postsecondary education should not be restricted from their choice of school, whether it be NMC or another institution.

Hofsneider said the next step in improving the scholarship program is the reorganization of the CNMI Scholarship Advisory Board which, under Executive Order 94-3, serves at the pleasure of the governor.

His chief of staff, Anthony Aguon, said the appointees to the CNMI Scholarship Board do not need Senate advice and consent.

By reorganizing the Scholarship Advisory Board, Hofsneider hopes to move the current scholarship program in a new direction.

"Along with a change in administration, comes a change in its key members. Although I am forever grateful for the service that the former Scholarship Advisory Board members have provided to our islands, I respectfully requested for them to allow our new administration to move this program in a new direction," he said.

The acting governor said he hopes to meet with the newly appointed board members this week to discuss plans and the implementation of PL 18-6.

Man critical after being hit with baseball bat

A man is reportedly in critical condition after his cousin allegedly hit him on the forehead with a metal baseball bat during a riot at a compound in Tanapag Saturday afternoon.

The victim, Riomo Rios, is in the Intensive Care Unit of the Commonwealth Health Center for observation due to a brain hemorrhage and a fractured skull, police said.

The suspect, Norbert T. Rios, 34, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and riot. He was also brought to the CHC emergency room where he was treated for laceration on the right eye that

required stitches.

Norbert Rios allegedly bragged about killing a Palauan male with the same baseball bat.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday imposed a \$50,000 cash bail for Norbert Rios' temporary release.

Saipan Tribune learned that three other persons—Moses Rios Sr., Moses Rios Jr., and Jack Rios—were also arrested in connection with the riot.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that a woman called the Department of Public Safety on Saturday at 4:28pm to report that her family was fighting at the Rios Com-

pound in Achugao, Tanapag.

When two police officers arrived at the compound at 4:39pm, Moses Rios Sr. told police that his nephew, Norbert, hit his son, Riomo, with a baseball bat in the head.

As medics were attending to the injuries of Norbert and Riomo, Riomo went into convulsions.

According to a witness, Norbert got mad at Moses Sr. and his family for not shutting off the water faucet in the compound. A verbal tussle between Moses Jr. and Norbert escalated to beating and rock throwing between the two families. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Philippine community to mark 115th Independence Day

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

Organizers of the 115th Philippine Independence Day celebration in the Commonwealth have firmed up their lineup of activi-

ties that will culminate with a *Pistang Pinoy* (Filipino fiesta) on June 16.

As part of the celebration, Consul General Bayani Mangibin of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam will

be visiting the Commonwealth and participating in some of the activities.

This will include the proclamation signing on June 7 at the Office of the Governor. Mangibin will call on Gov. Eloy S.

Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider and will witness the proclamation of the month of June as CNMI-PH Friendship Month. Filipino community leaders from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will be present during

the signing.

Mangibin is also scheduled to call on Delegate Gregorio Kilil C. Sablan, Senate President Ralph Torres, House Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero, Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan, and other CNMI officials.

As part of the Independence Day celebration, Emon Lodge 179 will have a Philippine flag raising at the Kanoa Resort in Susupe on Saturday, June 8, at 7am.

The "Almusalan at Kon-sultahan para sa mga Kabayan" (Breakfast and consultation with Filipino community) with Mangibin will follow.

The Filipino community is invited to join the flag raising and the breakfast forum for just \$5. Everyone who attends is encouraged to wear *Filipiniana*.

The *Pistang Pinoy* will be held at the Garapan Fishing base from 7am to 10pm on Sunday,

June 16. Programs and activities include the medical mission led by the Bayani Association in the morning, a playhouse for children, band entertainment, a cultural dance contest, a family/group contest, a father-and-son talent contest, a kids' drawing contest, a game contest, and super gay modeling contest at night.

This year's *Pistang Pinoy* theme is "Ambagan Tungo sa Malawakang Kaunlaran."

Tau Gamma Phi/Triskelion Marianas Chapter Allan Hernandez is this year's event chair for *Pistang Pinoy*.

Docomo Pacific is again this year's major sponsor of *Pistang Pinoy*. Other sponsors are the TSL Foundation, Western Union, LBC Mabuhay, and KWAW Radio 100.3fm.

Philippine Independence Day is officially observed on June 12 every year.

Manglona works on changes at Aging Center

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

The acting director of the Office on Aging, Walter Manglona, has settled in to his new position since taking over a month ago and has implemented many changes intended to benefit the man'amko.

"My main focus is to provide the best service possible to our clients," Manglona said.

Among these changes are

weekly staff meetings so that everyone is always informed on any situation or challenges the office may be facing. The "menu" change includes serving fresher and more nutritious foods to the clients. "Cross training" among the staff show that the services provided will not wait for anyone.

Manglona wants his staff to know everyone's job so that when a staff member is absent, the service can still be done.

Manglona seeks to create more efficient communication between the office on Saipan and the offices on Rota and Tinian.

With the help of Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, three new cars were successfully purchased for the "Meals on Wheels" program. One car will be sent to Tinian while the other will be sent to Rota.

The Office on Aging is also

working on tackling the issue of elderly abuse.

According to Manglona, with the help of the DCCA secretary and the department, an amendment was proposed to the state plan to provide legal services to the man'amko at least twice a month. The legal counsel will make trips to Tinian and Rota every month to provide the same service.

According to Manglona, this is just the beginning.



Signs in Papua New Guinea warn of a tobacco- and betel nut-free area.
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Tobacco control vital to health—SPC

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Every year, tobacco kills nearly six million people. It remains the largest preventable cause of death on the planet.

Tobacco use contributes immensely to the nearly 80 percent of deaths due to non-communicable diseases in the Pacific region, including heart disease and cancer.

Yet, while the Pacific region

leads the world in signing up to a global initiative to protect people from the harmful effects of tobacco, there is still a long way to go to ensure policies are put in place and enforced.

All eligible Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) have ratified the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, a key tool in

the fight against tobacco.

However, more than half the population in Tokelau, Kiribati, Nauru and Wallis and Futuna smoke daily as do over one third of people in the Cook Islands, Samoa and Solomon Islands.

"It is crucial that tobacco laws are updated regularly and that PICTs ensure they are enforced at the country level," said SPC's Tobacco and Alcohol adviser Jeanie McKenzie.

Effective enforcement involves understanding what constitutes an offence under national law and communicating this information to the community, monitoring compliance and developing procedures to prepare cases of infringement for prosecution.

"Common offenses include selling tobacco to minors, allowing smoking in indoor areas or displaying tobacco advertising in shops," said McKenzie.

SPC's Public Health Division

supports PICTs in developing their tobacco control legislation and enforcement mechanisms – assistance that is directly helping Ministries of Health control tobacco in their countries.

"SPC was proud to support Cook Islands with the development of its National Tobacco Action Plan recently and congratulates Cooks Islands on the progress made to date," said McKenzie.

Since last year's enforcement training in Cook Islands, health inspectors have been visiting tobacco retailers to monitor compliance and have successfully completed a Controlled Purchase Operation. This exercise tests whether or not tobacco is being sold to minors. No retailers were found to be selling tobacco to minors during the most recent exercise.

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Although several youth played in other flights, the lone Junior Flight player was Dong Young Lee, finishing with a respectable score of 78.

Winners in the optional play contest walked away with a minimum \$230 in cash, as well as other prizes. The winners were Larry Pascual, Shang Chu Park, James Lee, and Lee In Koo for nearest to the pin on

the fight against tobacco.

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Supreme Court sends land case back to Superior Court

On June 3, 2013, the Supreme Court remanded a case involving a land sale back to the Superior Court for improperly voiding the sale. The case, *Sablan v. Elameto*, started when Antonio A. Sablan and Jesus M. Elameto, his wife, Victoria L. Elameto, and his siblings, Ro-

sario M. Elameto, Maria E. Fitial, and Estanislao O. Laniyo, could not agree on how much land Sablan had bought from Jesus and Victoria Elameto.

The reason for that disagreement was the existence of two contrary deeds: one deed gave Sablan a larger share of land;

the second deed gave him less. Sablan argued the first deed was the correct one while Jesus and Victoria Elameto claimed the first was a fraud and the second was genuine. Because the parties could not agree on what land Sablan had purchased, the Superior Court

decided both sides had made a mistake and voided the sale—even though neither party argued that the court should undo the sale because of the parties' alleged mutual misunderstanding.

The Supreme Court disagreed with the Superior Court's deci-

sion. It concluded that the trial court could not decide the case using a legal theory that neither party had discussed in their briefs or at trial. Since the trial court should not have decided the case using that legal theory, the Supreme Court reversed the decision and directed the trial

court to decide the case based on the arguments actually raised by the parties.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Sablan v. Elameto*, 2013 MP 7, and can be found at <http://www.cnmi-law.org/supreme13.html>. (NMI Judiciary)

Sports historian compiles knowledge in new book

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

Dr. Kurt Barnes, who first came to Saipan in 1966 as a Peace Corps volunteer, has come out with a book that combines his passion for sports and his love for the Micronesian region.

Called *Sport Legends of Micronesia*, Barnes did extensive research for three years, accumulating pictures, biographies, and interviews with many athletes across Micronesia. All the data eventually evolved into a book.

"I really didn't know I was going to be an author of a book when I first began the research for the *Sports Legends of Micronesia*," Barnes said.

Today, the book contains several entertaining stories along with 180 pages of color photos of some of the all-time great athletes and coaches throughout the eight Micronesian states or nations.

His inspiration came from countless people who were ready for all these stories to be put into a written form instead of being passed by word of mouth.

"I had fun doing the book. Meeting legends probably was the best part of the book," he said.

As a Peace Corps volunteer in the '60s, Barnes immediately became involved with sports on the islands, coaching the Breakers in men's volleyball and basketball and the Oleai women's fastpitch softball team.

According to Barnes, both teams were highly successful and won many championships.

"I was very fortunate to have coached several great legendary



Dr. Kurt Barnes

REINA S. PEREZ
Dr. Kurt Barnes, author of *Sport Legends of Micronesia*, at his book signing booth on Saturday at the public library 20th anniversary celebration.

athletes," Barnes said.

Among these were Rick Duenas and Tino Olopai of the Breakers and Cecilia Lisua, Maggie Olopai-Taitano, and Ermina and Maria Pua of the Oleai softball team. Barnes also coached the women's vol-

leyball team that won the only gold medal the CNMI won during the 1st Micronesian Games held in 1969.

Barnes was at the book signing booth at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library's 20th anniversary celebration last Saturday.

Plans for reef fisheries assessments in the works

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Division of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Research Section held an in-house Fisheries Assessment Committee meeting on May 28 to examine data on the reef fish species contributing to the CNMI's local markets.

The FAC was initiated in early April to address the CNMI's proximate coral reef fisheries management and community needs, while providing for long-term fisheries sustainability, taking into account federal Annual Catch Limits as mandated by the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The FAC is composed of the director of Fish and Wildlife, DLNR secretary, and scientific staff of DFW, with the review process being open to the public and all stakeholders, including fishers, other agencies, and recreational businesses.

From the May 28 FAC meeting the committee approved a direction for the immediate implementation of available data in seeking management solutions to

our commercial reef fisheries, and to seek alternative data sources and fill data gaps for management. Data evaluation focused specifically on the age and size at maturity of common reef fishes, the limitations of these data with respect to their source location and scientific strengths, and how the FAC can improve research to fill data gaps and seek alternative sources of information.

The FAC also discussed implementing size limits on commercial reef fisheries through implemen-

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PUBLIC HEARING:

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor in cooperation with the Department of Public Works/Energy Division Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed WAP State Plan for Program Year 2013.

The public hearing will be held at the Energy Division in Capitol Hill, House #1337 on June 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Draft Plan can be picked up at the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House #1337 on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

For those who cannot attend the public hearing in person, may submit their written comments to the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House #1337, Saipan; or can be e-mailed to: orraine.seman@cnmienergy.com or by mail to P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 on or before close of business on Monday, June 24, 2013.

The general public is encouraged to attend to comment on the proposed State Plan.

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/s/ Martin C. Sablan
Secretary of Public Works

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NSA's 2013 Tee Ball league season

The Natibu Sports Association is looking for interested teams to participate in its upcoming 2013 Tee Ball league that is tentatively scheduled to start on Saturday, July 13. Space is limited and we will only accommodate the first eight teams that register. If you are interested, call Claire Sablan at 287-7352 to reserve a slot for your team. The first team meeting will be on Friday, June 7, at NSA's building in Tanapag village right next to the Tanapag Elementary School. The team is open to boys and girls ages 4-8. No experience is required. (PR)

Raffle drawing postponed

The Sexual Assault Awareness Month raffle drawing has been postponed to July 18 at 7pm and will be held at the Garapan Street Market. The raffle is an annual fundraiser for the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and all funds raised will go to the Coalition. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

and thank you for your understanding and support. For more information, call 234-3878. (PR)

Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 4-6 from 11:30am to 1pm.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on June 4 from 8am to 4pm.

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical-mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

Chamber luncheon meeting on Wednesday

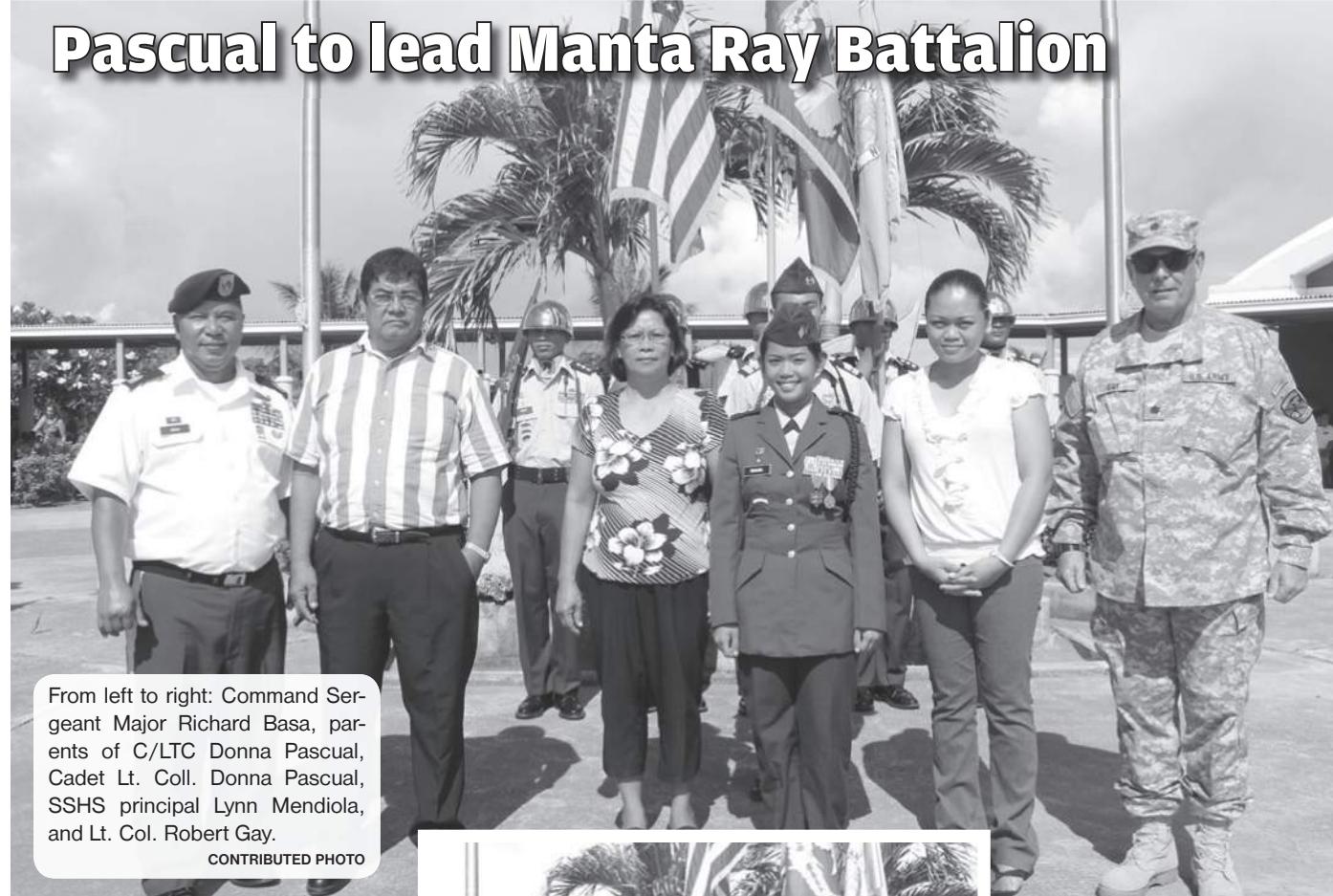
The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will conduct its June monthly general membership luncheon meeting this Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at the Saipan World Resort. Luncheon will begin at 11:30am and the meeting agenda will begin at 12pm sharp. Luncheon is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for guests and the general public.

The Chamber will present its annual college scholarship awards of \$2,000 each to six students furthering their college educations. Families and school officials will be attending the luncheon to witness the students being presented with their awards, as well as acknowledging the Chamber's commitment to the education of our future

businesspersons and leaders. University of Guam's Kristina Torres, program coordinator for graduate studies, will be speaking to the SCC membership about UOG's Masters Programs for CNMI residents.

Visiting Philippine Consul General Bayani V. Mangibin from Guam will also be speaking at the meeting.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1976, is the largest private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Chamber works to promote and protect business, economic and economic interests, and the general welfare of our islands. (SCC)



The Saipan Southern Manta Ray Battalion hosted its annual change of command ceremony on May 30, 2013, with the promotion of incoming battalion commander Donna Pascual from cadet sergeant major to cadet lieutenant colonel.

The battalion change of command is the annual ceremony for the outgoing and incoming battalion commander of the school. All companies gather together to celebrate and congratulate the incoming battalion commander.

This year's outgoing battalion commander, cadet Lt. Col. Jayson Arriola, is graduating from Saipan Southern High School and plans to enroll in the NROTC program of the University of Missouri and graduate with a bachelor's degree in business and a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps.

As the new battalion commander, Pascual, will be taking charge of the Manta Ray Battalion, and she vows to make the battalion the best in the Commonwealth. (PR)

June Bereaved Families support group meeting

A group that is in the process of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter in Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, June 6, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

We offer understanding and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age, and from any cause. We provide a safe, confidential setting, in which to share our experiences,

while respecting and supporting each other, and listening. We have "been there." We do not espouse any specific religious or philosophical ideology. There is no "right way" to grieve, and family members are welcome to come to share or just to listen.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. Today

more than 600 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam offer friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died.

For more information, call Jill Derickson at 287-5337 or e-mail jill@pticom.com. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatelfriends.org. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 4, 2005

3 boys arrested in KHS fire

Police have arrested and detained three teenage boys who are suspected of setting fire to a Kagman High School classroom Saturday night last week. Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric F. David said yesterday that the arrests came following the issuance of an arrest warrant by Superior Court judge David A. Wiseman Thursday. David did not disclose the identities of the suspects, who are all juveniles. But he described the ages of two suspects as 15 and another as 16. The spokesman did not say if the suspects are KHS students.

Two divers rescued off Grotto

Police rescued two Russian divers who were stranded off the Grotto cliffline Thursday night. Dive instructor Vekliov Alexander and diver Surovitskiy Vladimir sustained no injury from the incident. They managed to keep themselves afloat until Boating Safety personnel arrived at the scene. Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David said that the two Russians went on a night diving session with four others. The divers went underwater for about 30-35 minutes when Vladimir began ascending to the surface. "At the surface, the group tried to assist Mr. Vladimir back down but they couldn't due to his lack of weights," David said.

June 4, 2006

Emergency payment for pensions—again

The NMI Retirement Fund said it has again withdrawn funds amounting to \$1.3 million from its emergency account to pay the retirees' pension Tuesday last week. This was the fourth time for the agency to tap its reserve account for pension obligations this year. In the middle of May, the Fund took some \$1.5 million from the same account to settle the government's pension liability to some 2,000 retirees. The Fund pays out \$2.3 million for pension a month. Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said the board authorized the last drawdown of \$1.3 million for pension payments last week.

Liberation Month festivities kick off

The Liberation Month celebrations kicked off Friday night with the presentation of four of the six candidates for the 2006 Liberation Day Queen and a spectacular display of fireworks at the Fishing Base in Garapan. Emcees Reina Camacho and Laila Younis-Boyer called to the stage this year's candidates for Liberation Day Queen-Ann Margaret Cruz, Celing Lailany Castro, Sorene Aldan Maratita, and Emelaine Fejeran. The four candidates introduced themselves and briefly explained why they joined the contest. Two other candidates failed to attend the presentation because of graduation activities.

June 4, 2007

DPS probes LibDay fireworks fiasco

The number of persons injured during Friday's fireworks accident at the kick off of the 61st Liberation Day Festivities rose from six to 12, Saipan Tribune learned yesterday. This developed as police conducted further investigation to determine whether someone should be held liable in the fiasco. A police officer said actually not only six people were injured, but 12 based on their preliminary reports. Of the 12, it is not clear whether it included those injured when they fell to the ground when a minor stampede occurred at the fair grounds, said the officer who requested anonymity. Some witnesses, however, said there could be more than 12 injured because other persons who had minor injuries did not report to the police. Many people fled from the fair grounds and decided to go home instead.

Less than half of Legislature disclosed financial records

Less than half of the lawmakers disclosed their official expenditures to a citizen group that requested them. Tina Sablan, one of the citizens who made the request, said 10 representatives and three senators had submitted their financial records as of the May 23 deadline. The senators who made the disclosures are Senate Vice President Pete P. Reyes, Floor Leader Felix Mendiola, and Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangalinan. In the House of Representatives, those who submitted their expenditure reports are Vice Speaker Justo S. Quitugua, House Minority Leader Arnold I. Palacios, and Reps. Francisco Dela Cruz, Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Jacinta Kaipat, Benjamin Seman, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Manuel Tenorio, Stanley T. Torres, and Ray Yumul.

Island Snapshots



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NEW ROOF

The CNMI Library Council and Joeten Kiyu Public Library's benefactors' families, founders, and dignitaries cut the ribbon to inaugurate the library's new roof during the library's celebration of its 20th anniversary on Saturday.

**NEW GRADUATES**

High school and middle school graduates of the Marianas Baptist Academy sing a song during commencement ceremonies at the Governor Pedro P. Tenorio's Multi-Purpose Center Friday night.

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GOOD JOB!

Congratulation to Katelyn P. Mafnas, who graduated May 28, 2013, from kindergarten at the Grace Christian Academy School with salutatory honors. She was also honored with the Consistent Principal List Award, Diligence Award, an Achievement Award for being one of the gold medal winners in choral speaking in the Primary Grades Forensic Conference regional competition, another Achievement Award for winning in the Math Court regional competition, and a certificate for perfect attendance. Mafnas is the daughter of Antonio C. and Marissa P. Mafnas

**LIBERATION QUEEN BETS**

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, right, joins candidates in the pinning ceremony last week at the Saipan Mayor's Office. Also in photo are Liberation Day committee chair Vicente Camacho, leftmost, and Mrs. Donald Flores, second left. This year's candidates include Nicole Ichihara, Sina Ha'ani Ulloa Palacios, Melody Margaret Johnson, Rea-Lei Iskawa, and Annalyn Jovannah Cabrera.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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Belated happy birthday to Danny Andaya and sister Julie Nicholas-Cabigting, who both celebrated their birthdays on Sunday, June 2, 2013. May the Lord continue to bless you both with many more years of healthy lives. I hope both of you did enjoy as you celebrated your special day! Greetings from Grace and friends.

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Will Syria give peace a chance?

Given the failure of previous efforts to find a diplomatic solution to Syria's civil war, it might seem the height of naivete for the United States to join Russia—the protector and arms supplier of President Bashar Assad—in trying to arrange an international peace conference. But, given the alternatives, the Obama administration is right to pursue that possibility and to press Syrian opposition groups to participate, even without a guarantee that Assad would step aside.

Prospects for the proposed conference in Geneva, already uncertain, worsened Thursday when opposition leaders said they wouldn't send representatives until Iranian and Hezbollah fighters left the country and "massacres" stopped. Earlier, the opposition had reiterated that Assad must step down. Meanwhile, the Syrian president said that Russia was honoring its promise to supply his country with weapons (though U.S. and Israeli intelligence officials are skeptical that sophisticated antiaircraft missiles actually have been delivered). The conference, which was to have been held in June, is now expected to take place in July—if it occurs at all.

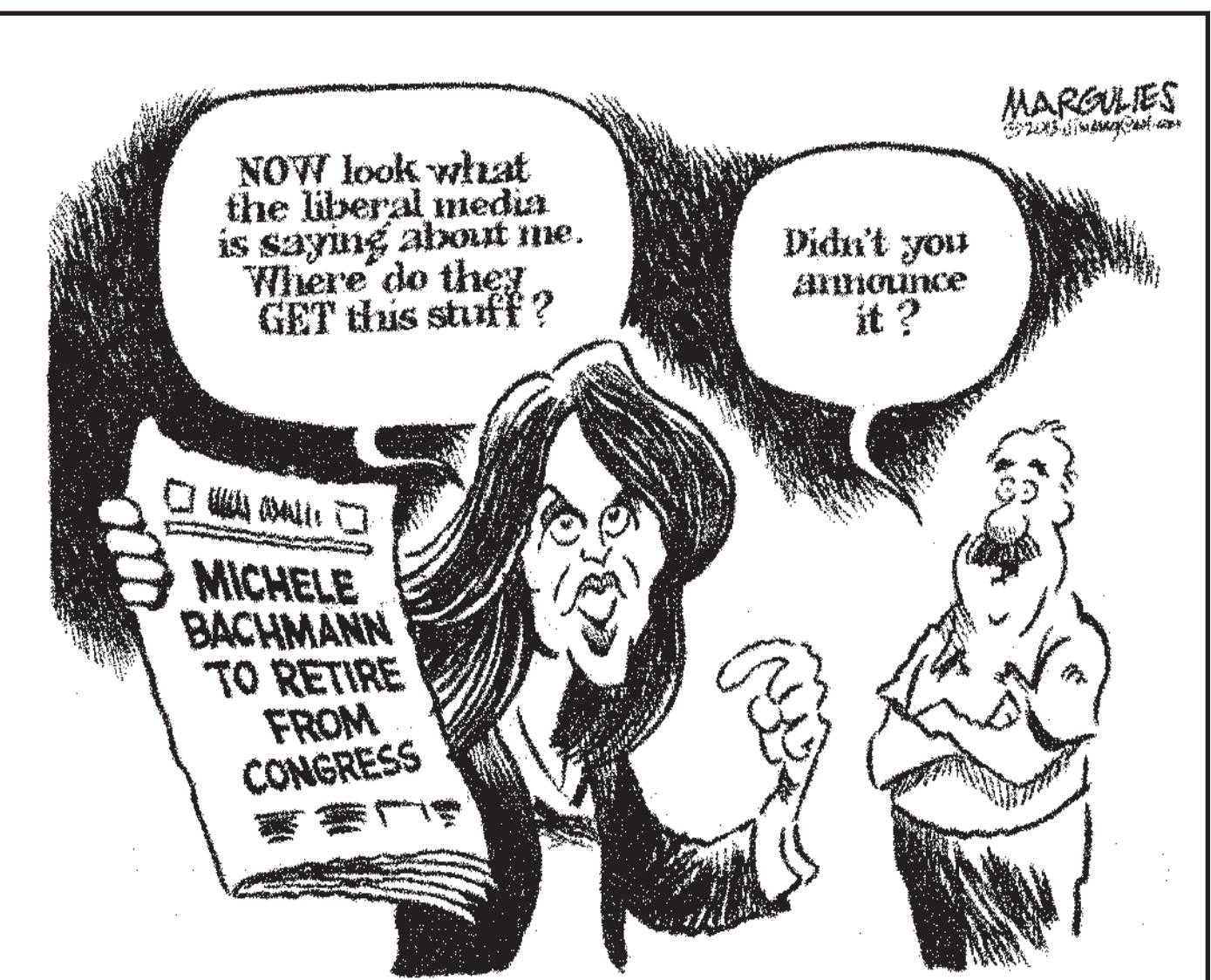
Yet despite these obstacles, a conference might prove useful. Increasingly the Syrian conflict is involving other actors in the region—not just Hezbollah, the Islamist militia that wields political power in Lebanon, but also Iran and Israel. Early this month Israel dropped bombs in Syria on what it said were weapons shipments headed for Hezbollah, and on Thursday Assad warned that he would respond to any future attacks. Meanwhile, refugees fleeing the fighting are straining the hospitality of Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

The alternative to the diplomatic process is military intervention by the United States and its allies. But the Obama administration (rightly, in our view) has been cautious, resisting proposals by Sen. John McCain and others for a no-fly zone and providing only nonlethal assistance to Syrian rebels. Britain and France succeeded in preventing the European Union from extending an arms embargo on military aid to the rebels, but neither country has moved to arm the opposition. Lifting the embargo seemed designed to put pressure on Assad to negotiate with his opponents.

On Thursday, Assad said he had decided "in principle" to send negotiators to Geneva, and his government said he would stay in office at least until next year. But it's possible to imagine a peace agreement in which Assad would retain his title while surrendering all or much of his power and perhaps promising not to seek another term. Whether Russia would support such a compromise is unclear; obviously it has protected the Syrian leader, but at times it has shown impatience with him.

There is no guarantee that an international conference will produce the result that the U.S. long has supported: a peaceful, post-Assad Syria not fractured along sectarian lines. But the administration is right to make the effort.

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Pacific islands' deadly threat from climate change

For almost 70 years, my country, the Marshall Islands, has been fighting for its survival. Unfortunately, the threats we face are the result of forces we cannot control.

From 1946 to 1958, we endured the horror of 67 atmospheric nuclear tests. The most powerful was the "Bravo shot," equivalent in power to 1,000 Hiroshima bombs. Now our residents are confronted by a different kind of atmospheric danger: the existential threat posed by climate change.

After a prolonged and unseasonable drought that began late last year, the severe lack of drinking water in our northern atolls led my government to declare a disaster area on May 7. This humanitarian crisis is climate-induced. About 6,000 people are affected by severe water shortages and are surviving on less than one liter of water per day. All of the affected communities have lost the staple crops that provide their daily food.

My people are not only thirsty and hungry, they are also getting sick. The drying water wells are contaminated with bacteria and salt. Diarrhea, pink eye, flu and other drought-related diseases are on the rise, particularly among children, and we are on the brink of a much wider outbreak. With no significant rain forecast until at least July, the situation is likely to get worse.

Since January, my government has been working to relieve the crisis by shipping drinking water and basic supplies to the affected communities. Our very limited resources cannot sustain this effort.

We desperately need assistance from abroad. We are grateful for the generous help we have received thus far from the United States, Australia, the Republic of China (Taiwan), India, Israel, Japan, the Asian Development Bank, and the New Zealand Red Cross, which have provided financial aid, reverse-osmosis filtration units, and other emergency supplies. Two weeks ago, U.N. agencies began providing logistical support and humanitarian experts to assess the situation—but much more needs to be done.

While we struggle to respond to today's crisis, we know that further crises lie ahead. Climate change has become the No. 1 threat to my country and our people.

This month the world reached a milestone that brings all of us to a new danger zone: an atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration of 400 parts per million. The World Bank predicts that we are on track to a rise of 4 degrees Celsius in temperatures by the end of this century. This would mean a rise in sea levels of three to seven feet. For the world's lowest-lying countries, including my own, this is a death sentence. The only answer is urgent global action, a Marshall Plan for a new low-carbon global economy. And we Marshallese believe we have a big role to play.

By PHILLIP MULLER

The Washington Post

Phillip Muller is foreign minister of the Marshall Islands.



In early September, we will host the 44th Pacific Islands Forum summit, bringing together leaders from the Pacific islands, Australia and New Zealand, as well as dialogue partners from many of the world's biggest emitters of greenhouse gases, including the United States, China, the European Union, India, Japan and Canada. In light of then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's welcome visit to last year's forum, we urge Secretary of State John Kerry and other climate leaders to attend.

The theme of the meetings in Majuro, our capital, is "Marshalling the Pacific Response to the Climate Challenge." The gathering comes at an important moment: U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is planning a global summit on climate change in 2014, and the world has committed to adopting a new global climate treaty the following year.

But in the Pacific, we cannot afford to wait. Sadly, we are learning the terrible realities of living with climate change. My family built a sea wall around our home, but it was destroyed by waves. The rising tides come closer every day.

We are trying to raise the alarm and lead by example. The Republic of the Marshall Islands is accelerating its transition to low-carbon development, using solar power and exploring promising ocean-energy technologies. But our efforts will put only a tiny dent in this problem. The major emitters around the Pacific Rim account for more than 60 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, and their share is rising. They must do more.

We want September's forum to set the stage for a new, bolder approach. We will propose a Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership as a road map for tangible action in an effort to set aside the you-go-first dynamic that has stalled international climate talks. We call on not just governments but also intergovernmental organizations, the private sector and civil society to sign on to our declaration with their own measurable commitments aimed at averting a climate catastrophe.

The world must answer our clarion call. Otherwise, our paradise and many like it will be lost forever.

Sueddon faye na man-sabiu

Hu ina kabales kuantu magahet kada membron lehis-latura ha resisibe kumu sueldo. Fuera de \$39,500 na sueddu gi sakan, mana'en maisa siha "stipend" \$5,000 pesus gi mes 'sino \$60,000 mas na sueddu kada sakan. Unna' daña i dos sueddu ya humuyuñg \$99,500 na moneda magana gi sakan para kada membro.

Hungan guaha munasetbe i \$60 mit pesus gi sakan para apas sueddon tautau. Mauleg na intension lau kase mas klaru yangin kada unu ha pega papa' gi gasetta haf' taimanu gastofña ni otru sued-dodña--\$60,000 pesus mas gi sakan. Yangin ti un' pega para u tuñgu' i publiku gastomu, pues seguruyu' na in' fa' sueddon miyu mismu.

Este na moneda ni unu gi entre membron lehislatura pumepega papa' modun usun este na salape'. Yangin enfin ma'u'usa para benefisiun niha, pues ayu buente na mampos man-fatsu gi inaligau satbas-ion i sumen miserapble na ekonomia sa' mañechefla yan sueddon \$99,500 pesus sakan. Dispues, mangaige gi mas tatkilu' na hogsu' ni sumen chagu' yan i señgsoñg siha.

Mampos ñañgon haf' sustansiau machochogue pot adelanton ekonomia. Lau bira birada mañganta Plan-A, casino, Plan-B, casino, yan Plan-C, casino. Hu konsidereda kau este uttimu nina' siñan niha gi halom sumen miserapble na linala' mamoble gi señgsoñg siha. Haf' mohon lai? In' hassu na i ekonomia i sumen chafleg na tiempu? Basta iya' na ti in' repara? Taimanu' un' li'e 'nai machuchuda' buchimu \$99,500 gi sakan. Guha fina' regalu para i publiku gi señgsoñg siha?

Tutuhon Taftaf

Gi lemlem tautau, man-daña i hagahu yan familiaña gi un' nobena (Divine Mercy). Maseha echuñg i lai'hu Iku 'nai gumenin i Tata, estaya ha komple un' señat ni sumen presisu para kada kilisyanu: I Tata, Lahiña yan Espiritu Santo.

Gi idat kuattro-siñko años, estake u echu tautau este na patgon mauleg yan felis siñienteghu na malulog mauleg ni mañainaña.

Obama's tone of realism on 'war on terror'

After the 9-11 terrorist attacks, President George W. Bush declared what his administration called the Global War on Terror, an all-out effort to find and eliminate "every terrorist of global reach" in a campaign he likened to the U.S. effort in World War II.

The reality was less clear-cut.

The president undercut the effort by switching the military focus from al-Qaida's Afghanistan lair to a misguided adventure in Iraq. The GWOT also came to be defined by more intensive airport security checks and over-hyped terrorist incidents prompting color-coded terrorist warnings.

President Barack Obama shifted focus, winding down both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and concentrating on eliminating al-Qaida's leadership one-by-one. He dropped the color codes, and his administration handled as more routine the occasional terrorist incidents like the capture in Detroit of the Nigerian passenger who sought to blow up a plane with plastic explosives in his underwear.

Now Obama has declared what history will probably show as the formal end of the GWOT, striking a tone of realism to replace his predecessor's often unrealistic promises.

"Our systematic effort to dismantle terrorist organizations must continue. But this war, like all wars, must end," he said in a significant speech last week. "We must define our effort not as a boundless global war on terror but rather as series of persistent, targeted efforts to dismantle specific networks of violent extremists that threaten

Six truths about summer—it's no picnic

It's time to tell the truth: Summer isn't for sissies, but we forget that every year. Here's what you need to remember:

1. Nobody looks at middle-age people at the beach, with "middle-age" being defined as being too old for work-study and too young for cremation. If you are between those ages, don't worry about what anybody will think about your bathing suit, your tan lines or whether your hair gets messed up. They're not looking. The only thing messed up in our culture is the idea that we're under a spotlight just because we're sitting in the sun.

OK, all right, so there is one group looking at middle-age women at the beach: other middle-age women, all of whom are nudging the poor soul sitting next to them and asking "Do I look like her? The one over there with the bad tan line? Do I look like her from the back?" As I've said before, we should stop doing that. It would make everybody's life better.

2. You will sit outside to eat in a moment of cheerful insouciance and you will be eaten alive by insects like a character actor in a bad horror movie. You will have sprayed yourself liberally with Off, Deet, Deep Woods Deet, and Get Off of ME Already and you will still appear to the buzzing creatures of twilight exactly like a prime filet they roll out in fancy steak joints. You will need calamine lotion, anti-itch creams, anti-infections creams (for where you charmingly scratched yourself until you bled) and those little pink antihistamine pills that will knock you unconscious until October.

Ginen humidde na tinituhon linala' espirituat siempre umeyag sensian hinimiddé yan respetu giya Guiya mismu. U fan respetu lokue' dispues de ha diñgu i perttan sanmena.

Para i man-acha' idathu, tali'e ha' i benefisiun bendision i Saina giya hita gi todú mattiru. Mauleg ta tutuhon taftaf este na finana'gue gi famaguon-ta. Gi uttimu besis, haf' hafá' kustumbre tat kumu hinimide un' dañkulu yan ma'lag ennau na espehos gi dos saina. Tutuhon taftaf kosake u fan lachok gi haddin korason miyu.

Attende nesessidat niha

Guaha un' grupon estudiante Hopwood Jr. High ni man-mapega gi sañfíge na kuattu pot mampos man-aguaguat. Yangin un' guadog tatté, gaige primera probleman niha gi taya' attension ginen mañinan niha. Man-masotta i famaguon enteramente gi disposision maestro yan maestran niha.

I problema pot mañan niha, ahe' ti abilidat niha sa' hu soda' na mañgalaktos este siha na famaguon. Taigue inapagat dos saina. Entalú' este yan machalapon guma' este siha na famaguon. Kumu ha ungag-gue' i tata sitbesa dehemunos areglun patgon kumu ma'edot tatautauña antes de oran maigu'. I nanan guma' pinalo'pu' ni todumattiron halom guma dispues de finagu' cho'chu'.

Maila' ta pasensiaye i famaguon-ta sa' manesessita ayuduta piot gi 'nai manhaben. Saunau kumu saina gi preparasion niha 'an esta manaque gi kanai miyu. Hafa ha' un' tanom ayu para u lachok gi haddin ni hagu umestablese.

Pateg lata papa' gi hegsu'

Mina' yahu offisiun membron lehislatura na biahe sa' mafa' kustumbe diariu i mapateg tai sinahguan na lata papa' gi hegsu' I Deni'. Sige mapateg papa', dispues ha bira siha ya mapateg hulu'.

Duron chaleg yan man-disentunau na sunidu makakanta mientras duru i pateg tai sinahguan na lata papa' yan hulu' gi hegsu'. Gigon un' fana' enseñidas malagnos un' resulasion na ayogue' che'chu'

America," often in "partnerships with other countries."

Subsequent commentary concentrated on such specific issues as his prudent redefinition of the use of drones, an overdue intention to revise and repeal the broad 2001 authorization to use military force against terrorists; and a renewed effort to close the Guantanamo Bay terrorist detention center that Congress so far has blocked.

Critics said his change was more symbolic than real. But his speech brought home the larger point that terrorism has evolved from the threat that produced that horrific September 2001 day.

For a decade, that war was defined by one man, Osama bin Laden, the wealthy Saudi who masterminded global terrorism from hideaways in Afghanistan and then Pakistan. Initially, it also dominated domestic politics, as Bush continually stressed his anti-terrorism to help edge challenger John Kerry in 2004.

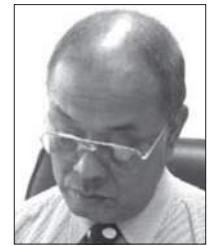
But bin Laden and many top lieutenants are dead, Obama said, noting, "There have been no large-scale attacks on the United States and our homeland is more secure."

Rather than one central al-Qaida unit, he added, "what we've seen is the emergence of various al-Qaida affiliates. From Yemen to Iraq, from Somalia to North Africa, the threat today is more diffuse," meaning that, rather than "a transnational threat ... we'll face more localized threats like we saw in Benghazi or the BP oil facility in Algeria."

"Finally," he said, "we face a real threat from radicalized individuals here in the United States," such as the shootings at a Sikh temple

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niha. Hombre, resulasion maulegña an' hechuran katta 'nai un' pega. Sen ti mapot ennau machogue ya achog' patgon eskuela libi-anu ha fotma mas fitme na finu' Ingles, lai.

Lau man-manoda' nuebu kantan niha: "I don't know Maria!" A'Saina de dios mihi sa' mafa' tampen sinetnan na biahe si Nan Lia'.

Si pindehu Magoo

'Nai katna katnadaña, hana' seguru na tihu li'e haf' ha u'usa. Gi-gon hihot-yu' ha hala hinegsa' ginen latan bentoña ya ha tutuhon humatma gi haguet.

Hu chule' lokue' dididi' hinegsa kadu hu pega gi haguet lau una' binalutan un' pidason nosnus. Hu kone' medianu na mafute'. Sige ha faisenu' haf' katnada-hu. Ileghu: "Hinegsa'!" Ai na grasia ham gi haguet na talo'ane gi kantun rubetasión.

Un' tiempu, sige ham yan amiguhu defunto Ramon Lafet fuminu' Ingles mientras inna' fañochochu i ga'ga' siha gi lanchon niha. Diberas, una ora dispues man-finu' Ingles i manog, babue yan chiba antes de bai'n diñgu i gualu'. Kontodu puyitus sige man-finu' Inglish kulon mohon liñguahen niha. Tatnai sisida pot ineyag finu' Ingles. Lau tat mas ke finu' natibu. Ti un' lache gi katkuet sakudida! Na ma'aggem hau ya un' fanague famaguon ni hila' niha. Si Iku.

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in Wisconsin and Fort Hood or the recent Boston Marathon bombing.

Now, Obama said, "We must finish the work of defeating al-Qaida and its associated forces." But in a note of realism, he added, "Neither I nor any president can promise the total defeat of terror. ... But what we can do, what we must do is dismantle networks that pose a direct danger to us and make it less likely for new groups to gain a foothold, all the while maintaining the freedoms and ideal that we defend."

To be fair, neither Obama's overall strategy nor decisions transferring authority for drone strikes from the CIA to the Pentagon and putting on new restrictions can be as clear-cut as the president's words sounded.

For the war on terror is not so much over as transformed. But Obama has defined a realistic path for himself and future chief executives in the post-GWOT era.

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truck tires in our driveways as next year's new summer tradition, can we exercise some critical thinking before we all say "What a terrific idea! The kids will love it!"?

5. You will sweat. Even if you use stuff clinically proven to seal every pore in your armpit like grout, you will perspire to the extent that you will need to throw some of your shirts into the fire pit. They'll burn prettily next to the white pants.

6. Despite all this, you will have some great times this summer. There will be fresh fruit on locally made ice cream, homemade lemonade, buttery corn on the cob, sweet ice tea, cotton candy at state fairs and burgers from the grill. And this is precisely why it's good that we're all going to stop looking at each other at the beach (see item No. 1).

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 90	▼ 82
Palau	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 94	▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 80
Majuro	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Thunderstorms	▲ 58	▼ 51
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 94	▼ 72
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 85	▼ 81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66	▼ 48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 60
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 93	▼ 81
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 61	▼ 50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 81	▼ 77
New York	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 55
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 66
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 65	▼ 52
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 76	▼ 65
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 58
Salem	Sunny	▲ 83	▼ 54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 54
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 62
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲ 78	▼ 66
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 80	▼ 62

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Today	2:20 AM	3:05 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Wednesday	3:02 AM	3:56 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Thursday	3:44 AM	4:46 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Friday	4:29 AM	5:36 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Saturday	5:15 AM	6:25 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
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SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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Business

House panel: Report finds \$50M for IRS conferences

WASHINGTON (AP)—A government watchdog has found that the Internal Revenue Service spent about \$50 million to hold at least 220 conferences for employees between 2010 and 2012, a House committee said Sunday.

The chairman of that committee, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., also released excerpts of congressional investigators' interviews with employees of the IRS office in Cincinnati. Issa said the interviews indicated the employees were directed by Washington to subject tea party and other conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status to tough scrutiny.

The closest the excerpts came to direct evidence that Washington had ordered the screening was one employee saying that "all my direction" came from an official who the excerpt said was in Washington. The top Democrat on that panel, Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, contested Issa's claim, saying none of the employees interviewed have so far identified any IRS officials in Washington as ordering that targeting.

The conference spending included \$4 million for an August 2010 gathering in Anaheim, Calif., for which the agency did not negotiate lower room rates, even though that is standard government practice, according to a statement by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Instead, some of the 2,600 attendees received benefits, including baseball tickets and stays in presidential suites that normally



Former IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman, right, accompanied by ousted IRS Chief Steve Miller, center, and J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, testifies on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Tuesday, May 21, 2013, before the Senate Finance Committee on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) practice of targeting applicants for tax-exempt status based on political leanings.

cost \$1,500 to \$3,500 per night. In addition, 15 outside speakers were paid a total of \$135,000 in fees, with one paid \$17,000 to talk about "leadership through art," the House committee said.

The report by the Treasury Department's inspector general, set to be released Tuesday, comes as the IRS already is facing bipartisan criticism after agency officials disclosed they had targeted tea party and other conservative groups.

Agency officials and the

Obama administration have said that treatment was inappropriate, but the political tempest is showing no signs of ebbing and has put the White House on the defensive.

Three congressional committees are investigating, a Justice Department criminal investigation is under way, President Barack Obama has replaced the IRS' acting commissioner and two other top officials have stepped aside.

The Treasury Department

released a statement Sunday saying the administration "has already taken aggressive and dramatic action to reduce conference spending."

IRS spokeswoman Michelle Eldridge said Sunday that spending on large agency conferences with 50 or more participants fell from \$37.6 million in the 2010 budget year to \$4.9 million in 2012. The government's fiscal year begins Oct. 1 the previous calendar year.

On Friday, the new acting

commissioner, Danny Werfel, released a statement on the forthcoming report criticizing the Anaheim meeting.

"This conference is an unfortunate vestige from a prior era," Werfel said. "While there were legitimate reasons for holding the meeting, many of the expenses associated with it were inappropriate and should not have occurred."

Issa's committee also released excerpts from interviews congressional investiga-

Bernanke offers wisdom but no hint of Fed moves

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ben Bernanke gave the graduating class of Princeton University one of the more unusual speeches for a Federal Reserve chairman: He quoted everyone from Lily Tomlin to Forrest Gump and scarcely mentioned economics.

Bernanke's words are normally scrutinized by global investors for hints about the Fed's possible next move. But in his address Sunday on Princeton's campus in New Jersey, he specifically cautioned that his comments "have nothing whatsoever to do with interest rates." Instead, he took a poke at his profession.

"Economics," Bernanke told the graduates, "is a highly sophisticated field of thought that is superb at explaining to policymakers precisely why the choices they made in the past were wrong."

"About the future, not so much."

Bernanke also offered noth-

ing that could be taken as a signal of when the Fed might begin to taper its \$85 billion-a-month in bond purchases. Those purchases have been intended to keep loan costs at record lows to encourage borrowing and spending.

The stock and bond markets have been rattled by speculation that the Fed will start to scale back its bond purchases later this year. Once the Fed does so, interest rates would likely creep up.

Bernanke, wearing a black robe, delivered the baccalaureate address to about 1,300 graduates seated in University Chapel. He was introduced by Princeton University President Shirley M. Tilghman, who said that Bernanke's academic research into the Great Depression while he was teaching at Princeton had prepared him to guide the U.S. economy as Fed chairman during the 2007-2009 Great Recession.

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Investors have ignored poor economic news as stocks have risen, leaving markets now vulnerable to unsettling volatility and potential losses, an organization of the world's central banks said Sunday.

The Bank for International Settlements said central banks' policies of record low interest rates and monetary stimulus had helped investors "tune out" bad news—every time an economic indicator disappointed, traders simply took that as confirmation that central banks would continue to provide stimulus.

That has left markets exposed to losses, particularly for bond

holders, when interest rates begin to return to more normal levels, the BIS said in its quarterly report.

"Further monetary easing helped market participants to tune out signs of a global growth slowdown," the report said. "But the rapid gains left equity valuations vulnerable to changes in sentiment, as witnessed in the recent bout of volatility."

The BIS, based in Basel, Switzerland, represents the world's central banks.

In its report, it said markets were "under the spell of monetary easing" to the point where negative news such as downbeat U.S. jobs data in March did not

always stop stocks from going up. The U.S. Standard & Poor's 500 reached an all-time high of 1,687.18 on May 22 and remains up more than 15 percent on the year.

The BIS said the volatility of the situation was underlined by a 7 percent drop in Japanese stocks on May 23, triggered by data suggesting China's economy might slow and speculation the U.S. Federal Reserve might be getting ready to slow its aggressive stimulus policies.

The BIS said investors had several times shrugged off uncertainty because they expect any bad news to be followed by more central bank stimulus, such

tors conducted last week with two IRS employees from the agency's Cincinnati office. The excerpts omitted the names of those interviewed and provided no specifics about individuals in Washington who may have been involved.

One of the IRS employees said in an excerpt that they were told by a supervisor that the need to collect the reports came from Washington, and said that in early 2010 the Cincinnati office had sent copies of seven of the cases to Washington.

One of the workers also expressed skepticism that the Cincinnati office originated the screening without direction from Washington, according to the excerpts.

Appearing Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union," Issa said this conflicted with White House comments that have referred to misconduct by IRS workers in Cincinnati. Without naming White House spokesman Jay Carney, Issa said the administration's "paid liar, their spokesperson" is "still making up things about what happens in calling this local rogue."

He added, "This is a problem that was coordinated in all likelihood right out of Washington headquarters and we're getting to proving it."

In briefings with reporters, Carney has not referred to the Cincinnati IRS office as "rogue."

"He's good at throwing out outlandish charges but it's unclear what he's saying he lied about," White House spokesman Eric Schultz said of Issa's remark.

Central bank group warns markets 'under a spell'

as continued low interest rates or bond purchases that increase the supply of money in the economy. It said the dominant driver for financial markets in recent weeks was the shift in Japan's monetary policy announced April 4, when the Bank of Japan said it would vastly increase the supply of money in the economy through regular purchases of financial assets over the next two years in an attempt to increase the rate of inflation to 2 percent.

That monetary stimulus is aimed at getting Japan out of years of economic stagnation marked by corrosive deflation, a sustained fall in prices that discourages consumption and investment.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil below \$92 as China factory output stays slow

BANGKOK (AP)—The price of oil remained below \$92 after a private survey showed a worse-than-expected dip in China's manufacturing for the month of May. Benchmark oil for July delivery fell 12 cents to \$91.85 per barrel at midday Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contact fell \$1.64 to close at \$91.97 Friday in New York.

Oil prices are being pressured by weak economic outlook around the world. Faltering economies demand less gasoline, diesel and fuel from drivers, shippers and industries.

UK envoy says BP committed to Algeria after attack

Algiers, ALGERIA (AP)—The British ambassador to Algeria says oil and gas giant BP is committed to the country despite delaying two projects after the January ter-

rorist attack on a gas installation that left 37 hostages and 29 militants dead. The ambassador, Martyn Roper, said there had been "misunderstandings" after the BP chief executive, Bob Dudley, said in early May that the projects in In Amenas and In Salah would be pushed back. Roper says "BP will stay in Algeria. It is very engaged and will pursue these projects." Dudley also has said the company will continue energy exploration activities in Algeria.

Nation

Schumer: Immigration bill to pass Senate by July 4

WASHINGTON (AP)—A lawmaker who helped negotiate a bipartisan bill to overhaul immigration predicted on Sunday that comprehensive legislation would overwhelmingly pass the Senate by July 4 while House Republicans cautioned that they would write their own version, one piece at a time.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he anticipates as many as 70 of the 100 senators will vote for the measure heading to the full Senate on June 10. Even if it passes there, the proposal faces tough prospects in the Republican-led House, where lawmakers are at work on their own piecemeal approach that could stall a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million immigrants living in this country illegally.

"We are moving forward because we believe in a bipartisan way this is so vital for America, and we'll have a good bill," Schumer said, pledging to allow colleagues to amend the legislation.

Not so fast, House lawmakers cautioned.

"That Senate bill is not going to move in the House," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla.

For months, four Democratic

3 veteran storm chasers killed by Oklahoma tornado

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Three veteran storm chasers died doing what they loved: roaming the Great Plains in search of dangerous storms like the one in Oklahoma that ended their final pursuit.

Tim Samaras, his son Paul and colleague Carl Young died Friday night when an EF3 tornado with winds up to 165 mph turned on them near El Reno, Okla. After years of sharing dramatic videos with television viewers and weather researchers, they died chasing a storm that killed 13 in Oklahoma City and its suburbs.

"It's something we've done countless times in the past and have done it successfully and safely," said Tony Laubauch, who was working with Tim Samaras' chase team Friday night. "And, you know, whatever happened on this one, it's just horrible beyond words."

The men's deaths in pursuit of the storm are believed to be the first among scientific researchers while chasing tornadoes, the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., said.

"They put themselves in harm's way so that they can educate the public about the destructive power of these storms," said Chris West, the undersheriff in Canadian County, where the men died.

senators met with four Republican colleagues behind closed doors and developed a proposal that would enact new border controls and enforcement mechanisms in the workplace, allow tens of thousands of workers into the country legally for high- and low-skilled jobs and create a 13-year path to citizenship for those already living here illegally. It passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee last month by a vote of 13 to 5; three Republicans joined the Democratic majority.

House lawmakers, though, have pledged to put together their own measure - likely taking components of the comprehensive Senate plan one at a time and adding their own priorities.

"We think it's better to do it with a step-by-step approach," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

"We'll continue down that path, but the final outcome in terms of the form of the legislation is not yet known," he added.

Democrats and Republicans alike recognized the political potency of the issue. The Senate, led by Democrats, is



In this May 9, 2013, file photo Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, confers with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., as the Senate Judiciary Committee meets on immigration reform on Capitol Hill in Washington.

putting added pressure on the House, led by Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

"Congressman Boehner is in a box. There are about 60 or 70 of his people who are against any immigration reform. But at the same time, he knows that the Republican Party will be consigned to a minority party for a generation if they're anti-

immigration," Schumer said.

In 2012, President Barack

Obama won re-election with 71 percent of Hispanic voters

and 73 percent of Asian voters backing him. A thwarted immigration overhaul could send those voting blocs more solidly to Democrats' side.

"We are hard at work on this problem. We have a broken immigration system in the country, it needs to be fixed, our legal immigration, our enforcement and figuring out the appropriate legal status for people who are not lawfully present in the United States all need to be addressed," Goodlatte said.

But it is unlikely to be a sweeping answer in the House, lawmakers said.

"I don't know if we'll have comprehensive reform or we will have it piece-by-piece. But that Senate bill may not even pass the Senate itself," Ros-Lehtinen said.

Schumer spoke to NBC's "Meet the Press." Ros-Lehtinen was interviewed on CNN's "State of the Union." Goodlatte was on "Fox News Sunday."

Congressmen find few Boston attack clues in Russia

MOSCOW (AP)—The head of a U.S. congressional delegation said Sunday that its meetings in Russia showed there was "nothing specific" that could have helped prevent the Boston Marathon bombings, but that the two countries need to work more closely on joint security threats.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, a California Republican who led the six-member delegation, described discussions with Russian parliament members and security officials as productive. Some of the meetings, he said, were made possible by American actor Steven Seagal.

Seagal, who attended the news conference in the U.S. Embassy, is well connected in Russia. He met with Russian President Vladimir Putin

in March, and last week paid a visit to Ramzan Kadyrov, the strongman who rules Chechnya, a province in southern Russia that has seen two brutal wars between federal troops and Chechen separatists since 1994.

Those wars spawned an Islamic insurgency that spread across the Caucasus region, including to neighboring Dagestan, now the center of the violence. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who is accused of carrying out the Boston bombings with his younger brother, spent six months in Dagestan last year. Investigators have been trying to determine whether he had contacts with the militants there.

Rep. Steve King said Russian security officials told the delegation they believed that



This undated photo provided by The Discovery Channel shows Carl Young, left, and Tim Samaras watching the sky.

the scientific aspect," Jim Samaras said. "At the end of the day, he wanted to save lives and he gave the ultimate sacrifice for that."

The Oklahoma storm that killed the three chasers developed right in front of them. Tim Samaras tweeted a photo of clouds rising through a volatile atmosphere and noted: "Storms now initiating south of Watonga along triple point. Dangerous day ahead for OK—stay weather savvy!"

It was his final tweet.

The Storm Prediction Center said in a statement Sunday that it was saddened by the deaths.

"Samaras was a respected tornado researcher and friend ... who brought to the field a unique portfolio of expertise in engineering, science, writing and videography," the center said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Thousands evacuated as crews fight Calif. wildfire

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP)—A wildfire that destroyed at least six homes, damaged 15 others and threatened hundreds more grew quickly Sunday as it triggered evacuations for nearly 3,000 people and burned dangerously close to communities in the parched mountains north of Los Angeles. The blaze had burned about 35 square miles of very dry brush in the Angeles National Forest mountains and canyons, some of which hadn't burned since 1929. The fire was growing so fast, and the smoke was so thick, that it was difficult to map the size, U.S. Forest Service Incident Commander Norm Walker said. "This is extremely old, dry fuel," Walker

said at an afternoon news conference. The fire, which was 20 percent contained, appeared to be the fiercest of several burning in the West, including two in New Mexico, where thick smoke covered several communities and set a blanket of haze over Santa Fe on Saturday. Crews fighting the two uncontaminated wildfires focused Sunday on building protection lines around them amid anticipation that a forecast of storms could bring moisture to help reduce the intensity of the fires.

Yankees fan says he's 111, but has no proof of age

NEW YORK (AP)—A baseball fan who says he's 111 years old and was saluted by the New York Yankees on the field this

weekend has no proof of his age. Bernardo LaPallo chatted with Yankees star Derek Jeter before Saturday night's game against Boston. The Arizona resident playfully calls himself the Yankees' oldest fan. But a consultant with Guinness World Records who specializes in validating the ages of older people said public records show LaPallo was born in 1910, not on Aug. 17, 1901. "Many extreme age claims in the past have turned out to be false," researcher Robert Young told The Associated Press in an email Sunday. Young also is the senior database administrator for the Gerontology Research Group, which keeps a list of verified age claims of supercentenarians—people who are at least 110.

Asia

Fire kills 61 at poultry plant in northeast China

BEIJING (AP)—A large fire broke out at a poultry farm and processing plant in northeastern China early Monday, trapping workers inside large concrete buildings and killing at least 61 people, reports and officials said.

The fire in Jilin province's Mishazi township appeared to have been sparked by three early-morning explosions in the farm's electrical system, the official Xinhua News Agency said. State broadcaster CCTV quoted unidentified workers as saying the fire broke out during a change of shifts and may have originated in a locker room at a time when about 350 workers were at the site.

The provincial fire department said on its microblog that the fire was caused by a leak of ammonia.

The fire killed 61 people, according to a posting on the Jilin provincial government's official microblog. Calls to fire and rescue services rang unanswered and hospital administrators said they had no information about injuries among the dozens of people



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, smoke rises from a poultry farm at the Jilin Baoyuanfeng Poultry Company in Mishazi township of Dehui City, northeast China's Jilin Province Monday, June 3, 2013.

reportedly sent for treatment.

Rescue workers found the

bodies in the charred buildings, and rescue efforts were continu-

ing. CCTV footage showed dark smoke billowing up from

the cement structures.

Xinhua quoted survivors as

saying that the plant's "complicated" interior, narrow exits and a locked front gate made escape difficult.

The fire highlighted the lax safety standards at many Chinese workplaces. It could also focus renewed scrutiny on China's biggest pork producer, Shuanghui International—unrelated to the poultry plant—as it aims to buy U.S. food giant Smithfield in what would be China's biggest takeover of an American company.

The poultry plant's owner, Jilin Baoyuanfeng Poultry Co., is a major producer of processed chicken and employs about 1,200 people. The plant is located outside the city of Dehui, about 800 kilometers (250 miles) northeast of China's capital, Beijing.

ASIAN BRIEFS

12 bodies of Myanmar immigrants found in Thai sea

BANGKOK (AP)—Police say at least 12 bodies of migrant workers from Myanmar were found floating in the sea on Thailand's west coast after their boat sank during bad weather. Police Maj. Gen. Taweeporn Churin said six male and three female bodies were found near two islands in Ranong province. He says marine police previously retrieved three female bodies on Saturday after their boat sank early Saturday morning because of rough seas and bad weather. Taweeporn says 38 people were rescued. Ranong is 460 kilometers (290 miles) south of Bangkok and borders Myanmar.

Suicide bomber attacks Indonesia police station

POSO, Indonesia (AP)—An unidentified motorcycle driver carried out an apparent suicide bombing at a police headquarters in central Indonesia, police said Monday. Police chief Lt. Col. Susnadi said the man was trying to enter the station in the central Sulawesi town of Poso when his bomb went off, killing him instantly. A nearby construction worker was hit in his hands by shrapnel. No police were hurt or killed. "He resisted when station guards stopped him in the entrance post," said Susnadi, who like many Indonesians uses a single name. "But about 15 meters (yards) from the post, the bomb he was carrying went off near the mosque." Susnadi said the man was between 30 and 35 years old. He said that so far no one has acknowledged knowing the man.

Quakes kill 2 in Taiwan, injure 33 in PH

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—A strong earthquake jolted Taiwan on Sunday, killing two people and injuring at least 21 others and causing panicked shoppers to rush out of a shaking multi-story department store, officials said.

Another earthquake jolted the southern Philippines late Saturday, injuring at least 33 people and damaging more than 140 houses.

The tremor that hit Taiwan on Sunday afternoon was felt all over the island, but most severely in the central and southern regions. The magnitude-6.3 quake's epicenter was near Jenai township in Nantou County in central Taiwan, about 250 kilometers (155 miles) south of Taipei, the Central Weather Bureau said.

In Mountain Ali in the southern part of the island, a man was killed by a rockslide while driving a car on a mountain road, the Taiwan Fire Agency said in a statement. Another man was killed by a falling rock when he was working at a farm in Chushan, near the epicenter.

Rockslides at a scenic mountainous area near the epicenter injured several people, the agency said. In all, 21 people were injured by the earthquake, many by fallen objects.

Workers removed fallen rocks and repaired a damaged mountain road in Nantou, allowing more than 100 stranded tourists to pass.

Shoppers screamed and ran out of a 12-story department store that shook violently for

nearly a minute, TV stations reported from the central city of Taichung. Households elsewhere in central Taiwan reported cracks on the walls or ceilings falling, the reports said.

The Central Weather Bureau said the tremor had a relatively shallow depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles). The U.S. Geological Survey put the magnitude at 6.5.

Earthquakes frequently rattle Taiwan, but most are minor and cause little or no damage. Nantou is near the epicenter of a magnitude-7.6 earthquake that struck Taiwan in 1999 and killed more than 2,300 people.

In the southern Philippines, a magnitude-5.7 earthquake rattled North Cotabato province and nearby areas late Saturday as people slept, dam-

aging more than 140 houses and several school buildings and setting off a landslide that partially blocked a road with boulders, officials said.

At least 33 people, including children, were injured by collapsed walls and falling debris in the hard-hit North Cotabato villages of Kimadzil and Kibugtongan, said Hermes Daquia, a Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology official who joined a government team that surveyed the hilly villages.

The quake, which was set off by the movement of a nearby fault, damaged the approaches to two bridges and concrete pipes that cut off water supply to the two villages. Some of the damaged school buildings will not be able to be used for

after she returned to Pakistan to contest elections. He had little experience in politics but rode to power on a wave of sympathy following her assassination.

For the interview, Zardari sat next to a framed photo of his late wife, and a large painting of Bhutto hung on the wall behind him.

Zardari's popularity has plummeted during the course of his administration over accusations of corruption and widespread anger at the worsening electricity blackouts around the country.

The interview also covered matters of policy.

Pakistani president says he will not run again

ISLAMABAD (AP)—The president of Pakistan said in an interview aired Sunday that he will not run for another term, a decision that was widely expected after his party was trounced in parliamentary elections last month.

It was Asif Ali Zardari's first interview since the May 11 election when his Pakistan People's Party, which controlled the outgoing government, won only 39 seats in the 342-member house, compared to 176 for the winning Pakistan Muslim League-N.

Under Pakistan's constitution, the president is elected by



Zardari

During the television interview, Zardari acknowledged his party's loss in explaining why he would not run when his term expires in September.

"I don't think I will have a right. This time we wouldn't have a right because we don't have a majority," he said.

After changes to the constitution during Zardari's tenure, many of the powers of the presidency were transferred to the prime minister. That was

an attempt to reverse changes made under former leader Pervez Musharraf, who tried to strengthen the executive office. As a result of a constitutional amendment, the presidency has become more of a ceremonial position.

Zardari is the widower of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who was killed in 2007

Speaking of the contentious U.S. drone program, Zardari said there was no agreement with the U.S. over allowing drones to target militants in the tribal areas. The CIA's drone program is highly unpopular in Pakistan, where people consider it a violation of their sovereignty. The government regularly denounces the drone strikes.

However, Pakistani leaders have a history of taking one stance publicly on the drones and then privately supporting them. In one of the cables leaked by WikiLeaks, former Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani, a PPP member and a Zardari ally, is quoted as telling the U.S. ambassador in 2008 that he didn't object to them.

World

Court says Egypt legislature illegally elected

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's highest court ruled on Sunday that the nation's interim parliament was illegally elected, though it stopped short of dissolving the chamber immediately, in a decision likely to fuel the tensions between the ruling Islamists and the judiciary.

The Supreme Constitutional Court also ruled that a 100-member panel that drafted the new constitution was illegally elected.

The immediate impact of the ruling is limited. The Islamist-dominated upper house of parliament, called the Shura Council, will remain in place until elections are held for a lower house, likely early next year. The constitution, which was ratified in a nationwide referendum in December with a relatively low turnout of around 35 percent, will also remain in effect.

Still, the opposition said the verdict shows how Islamists' victories at the ballot box are tainted. They argued that the ruling further challenges the legitimacy of the disputed constitution, which was pushed through the panel by Islamists allied to President Mohammed Morsi.

The two sides are squaring off for what may be a major confrontation on the streets by the end of this month.

An activist campaign claims to have collected millions of signatures on a petition demanding Morsi leave office. The organiza-



Hamdy El-Fakharany, an opposition leader and former member of the now-dissolved Parliament, center, and other activists flash victory signs in front of the Supreme Constitutional Court in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, June 2, 2013. AP

ers plan a massive rally outside the presidential palace on June 30 to mark a year since his inauguration as Egypt's first freely elected president.

"We are paying dearly for the legislative and constitutional absurdity of the Muslim Brotherhood," said prominent commentator and Brotherhood

critic Abdullah el-Sinawy. "It is a situation that threatens political problems and dilemmas on the road ahead."

Morsi's backers in the Muslim Brotherhood saw Sunday's ruling as a victory, saying that it implicitly acknowledged the legitimacy of the Shura Council and the constitution because it

stopped short of trying to outright abrogate either.

"The ruling turns the page of media controversy over the Shura Council and the constitution," said Brotherhood spokesman Ahmed Aref. "We hope that we never see that page again."

The ruling, according to another Brotherhood figure, se-

nior leader Essam el-Aryan, amounted to "an admission that the constitution came with the will of the people and through a free and clean referendum."

The Supreme Constitutional Court dissolved the Islamist-majority lower house of parliament in June last year, saying the law governing its election was invalid. The court was widely expected to issue a similar ruling dissolving the Shura Council late last year, but Islamist protesters prevented the judges from reaching their chambers when they laid siege to the court's headquarters.

By the time they lifted the siege, the constitutional panel

had already adopted the charter in an all-night session, handed Morsi a copy and a referendum was called for its ratification. The new constitution gave legislative power to the normally toothless Shura Council until a new lower house is elected. It also barred the dissolving of the Shura Council.

In both rulings—the one in June and Sunday's—the court ruled that the law governing the election of each house of parliament breached principles of fairness because it allowed political parties to run for the third of seats set aside for independent candidates.

The Shura Council normally does not have lawmaking powers and has long been dismissed as nothing more than a talk shop. Only 7 percent of voters bothered to cast ballots in the elections for the house, and many of the newborn political parties rooted in the protest movement that toppled Mubarak did not bother to field candidates. The 270-seat chamber is 70 percent Islamist.

Raafat Fouad, a constitutional law professor at Cairo University, pointed to the contradictions at the heart of the ruling, that the Shura Council was illegitimate but will continue to legislate.

"This is one of the wonders of our time that we have been witnessing lately in Egypt," he said. "It is certainly the result of the pressures and the terrorism the Constitutional court has been subjected to."

However, law lecturer and former legislator Ehab Ramzy said the ruling was expected since the new constitution shielded the Shura Council from dissolution.

But, he added, it could be a prelude to future, unfavorable rulings against the chamber.

UN Arms Trade Treaty opens for signature Monday

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The first international treaty regulating the multibillion-dollar global arms trade opens for signature Monday with some key arms sellers and buyers expected to be among several dozen nations that sign.

The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved the treaty on April 2. It will require countries that ratify it to establish national regulations to control the transfer of conventional arms and components and to regulate arms brokers, but it will not control the domestic use of weapons in any country.

The Control Arms Coalition

is designed "to protect millions living in daily fear of armed violence and at risk of rape, assault, displacement and death."

Many violence-wracked countries including Congo and South Sudan are also expected to sign. The coalition said their signature—and ratification—will make it more difficult for illicit arms to cross borders.

The treaty covers battle tanks, armored combat vehicles, large-caliber artillery systems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, missiles and missile launchers, and small arms and light weapons.

The coalition noted that more than 500,000 people are killed by armed violence every year and predicted that "history will be made" when many U.N. members sign the treaty, which it says

held a series of prominent roles in university associations, according to his curriculum vitae, published on the al-Najah University website.

It was not clear how the move would affect the international standing of Abbas. Fayyad enjoyed wide support of the international community, particularly the United States, for moving to clean up the Palestinians' unwieldy bureaucracy and clamping down on corruption during his six years in power.

The move comes as the U.S. tries to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry congratulated Hamdallah in a statement Sunday night and said that his appointment comes at a challenging time but that it created an opportunity.

"Together, we can choose the path of a negotiated two-state settlement that will allow Palestinians to fulfill their legitimate aspirations, and continue building the institutions of a sovereign and independent Palestinian state that will live in peace, security, and economic strength alongside Israel," the statement said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Lebanese pro-Hezbollah cleric unhurt in shooting

BEIRUT (AP)—Lebanese security officials say unknown gunmen have tried to kill a prominent pro-Hezbollah Sunni cleric in the south of the country, but failed to hit him. Sheik Maher Hammoud narrowly escaped an assassination attempt early Monday, they say. He was walking from his home in the port city of Sidon the al-Quds Mosque where he preaches when unknown assailants in a moving car opened fire. He was unhurt in the shooting, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations. Hammoud is a longtime supporter of the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah group and Sidon is a majority Sunni Muslim city.

Iran police detain aides of presidential candidate

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranian police have arrested several people campaigning for a reformist candidate in this month's presidential election, an aide said Sunday, as a senior official pledged to impose ideological limitations on the race. Police picked up several supporters of candidate Hasan Rowhani after he delivered a speech Saturday night, his campaign manager, Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh, told the semiofficial Mehr news agency. "Some people were detained on the street after leaving the meeting," he said. The June 14 election is to choose a replacement for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who cannot run for a third term. Authorities have already pared down the list of candidates to eight, disqualifying Ahmadinejad's top aide and a former president who could have galvanized opposition to the harsh clerical system.

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—The Palestinian president on Sunday picked a little-known academic as his new prime minister, according to the official government news agency, following the resignation of his chief rival.

Mahmoud Abbas appointed Rami Hamdallah to replace Salam Fayyad, a respected U.S.-educated economist. Fayyad frequently clashed with Abbas and was seen as being too independent.

Appointing Hamdallah is likely to shore up the president's power, because he is seen as being more pliant. The new prime

minister was tasked with forming a new government of technocrats, not politicians.

Hamdallah is a member of the Fatah Party led by Abbas. He has no prior political or government experience.

Like Fayyad, Hamdallah is widely respected.

He is a British-educated English professor and has been dean of the Palestinian al-Najah University in the West Bank for the past 15 years. He has served as the secretary general of the Palestinian central elections commission since 2002. He has also

Focus

Arab drive for reform seen shifting to slow lane

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—On a recent blustery night, with a sandstorm kicking up, Kuwait's own Arab Spring was playing out on a quiet road of villas and tall palms.

There a group of protesters gathered to recite a speech—one after the other, word for word—that accused Kuwait's ruler, of suppressing dissent. The speech had been delivered last year by Musallam al-Barrack, then a parliament member, and had earned him a five-year prison sentence for supposedly insulting the emir, Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

In previous times, that might have been the end of the affair. But 57-year-old al-Barrack's supporters were determined to demonstrate that the Arab Spring stops for no one, and this week they won a partial victory when a court reversed the sentence and gave Barrack a chance to continue his principled dissent.

The drama sums up the latest and perhaps most important and enduring phase of the Arab Spring, at least in the Gulf region: Instead of more violence, explosions and crackdowns, the scenario now envisioned by many experts is a revolution transformed into nonviolent give-and-take between rulers and the ruled.

In this phase, the hereditary monarchs would keep their jobs but gradually surrender at least a share of power under a system of laws.

The revolution that steamrolled from Tunisia to Egypt and beyond in 2011 remains locked in horrific seesawing battles in Syria and simmering unrest in Bahrain. But the days of broad, falling-domino rebellions have likely run their course. If Syrian President Bashar Assad goes, he will be the fifth ruler to be toppled, but elsewhere the demands appear to be aiming lower and the resulting changes look more incremental.

"The Arab Spring is moving into, let's say, a more mature phase," says Ali al-Ahmed, director of the Washington, D.C.-based Institute of Gulf Affairs. "There is Syria, of course. But the rest of the region is moving into a slow burn now. Voices are speaking up against corruption and political arrogance in the Gulf, but also in places like Egypt and Tunisia that went through their revolutions and are still undergoing a political shakeout."

The Western-backed Arab royals are a close-knit alliance of sheiks, kings and emirs ruling more than 40 million citizens from Kuwait to Oman. The kings of Jordan and Morocco rule some 40 million more. All face various pressures seeking to chip away at their powers and privileges. The demands remain generally too weak and

disjointed to seriously threaten their rule, but they still carry significance.

Each concession by the sheiks and monarchs is an acknowledgment that they cannot insulate themselves from the Arab Spring, and that for their long-term survival they will have to give the public greater say in everything from their freedoms to their ties to Washington.

Meanwhile, other subplots are likely to sharpen in places where revolution has swept through—whether it's ultraconservative Islamists pressing to expand their voice in Tunisia, or liberals in Egypt trying to gain ground from the newly empowered Muslim Brotherhood.

"The end of silence and submission is what the Arab Spring has brought," al-Ahmed said. "This is the first tipping point for all regimes in the Middle East. Bigger tipping points may come later. But all leaders know you can't bottle up an idea."

That doesn't stop them from trying. Some of the most important battle lines to come may not be on the streets but in courtrooms and cyberspace. Authorities are becoming gatekeepers, allowing some reforms while blocking any serious challenges with tougher media laws, social media monitoring and heavy-handed political pressures. In Abu Dhabi, 94 suspects from the United Arab Emirates, including scholars, lawyers and even a member of a ruling family, are on trial, accused of being

part of an Islamist-inspired plot to overthrow the government. International rights groups call the evidence weak, mostly based on emails and alleged conversations about ways to open up a system that bans political parties as well as almost all public dissent. A verdict is expected July 2.

Across the Gulf states, meanwhile, dozens have been arrested for Twitter posts and other social media messages deemed insulting to leaders. They include a Qatari poet facing 15 years in prison for writing verses inspired by the Arab Spring. In Jordan, King Abdullah II has agreed to step-by-step reforms, including ending the practice of hand-picking the prime minister and transferring the task to the elected parliament. Media freedom groups have opposed codes that require news websites to pay a registration fee and be responsible for all comments posted by readers.

All these civil liberties issues have implications for Washington, whose alliances in the Gulf are bulwarks against Iranian influence. The 5th Fleet, the Pentagon's main counterweight against Iranian military expansion, is based in Bahrain, and the U.S. is unlikely to roll back any of its Gulf ties, but could face uncomfortable questions from rights groups.

"Authorities believe they can frighten people into silence and obedience. It has the exact opposite effect. Look at

what happened when they arrest someone for a Twitter post. One crackdown spawns dozens more posts talking about it," said Ahmed Mansoor, a Dubai-based rights activist. "They try to stop the unstoppable."

To buy off dissent, the governments that can afford it have spent heavily to create civil service jobs and other opportunities.

Oman has a \$180 million fund to help fund small businesses. Saudi Arabia has earmarked more than \$100 billion, and despite its vast wealth, is so worried about unemployment and poverty that it is deporting undocumented foreign workers to open up jobs for its own citizens.

Gulf security officials have rewired the region for greater intelligence-sharing and mutual aid, such as the Saudi-led force dispatched to Bahrain in early 2011 as its rebellion swelled. Their alliance has even broadened to include the other monarchy in the neighborhood, Jordan, which has been increasingly brought into the Gulf fold.

They are buying time," said Jordanian political analyst Labib Kamhawi. "In different ways, but they are buying time."

However, there are warning signs.

In mid-May, newspapers in Saudi Arabia reported that a man in the capital, Riyadh, set himself ablaze and died after police confiscated his vegetable stand. It was a similar act in Tunisia that touched off the Arab Spring.

Bahrain is the only country in

the region with ongoing violent confrontations. More than 60 people have died since February 2011, and tensions remain acute. In late May thousands staged a "day of loyalty" in solidarity with the island's highest-ranking Shiite cleric, who has strongly backed the uprising against the Sunni-led monarchy.

Through history, rebellions against autocratic rule rarely have had simple outcomes. Decades after America's own revolution, political forces and ideologies were still jockeying for the upper hand. The Arab Spring is no exception.

Islamists, such as the fringe Salafists in Tunisia or the governing Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, now have political space that was long restricted. Liberals and moderates have to choose whether to stand their ground or give way to Islamists and other newly empowered factions.

Meanwhile, Arabs under 30, who are more than a third of the population, are seeing little gain from the Arab Spring fallout.

A ballot-style placard at Cairo University featured portraits of all the new leaders brought in by the Arab Spring, from Mohammed Morsi in Egypt to Yemen's President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi. The box checked below was for None of the Above.

"Going forward, the movements inspired by the Arab Spring and the fallout from the revolutions may be less dramatic and more subtle," said Ehsan Ahrar, a Virginia-based strategic affairs

analyst, "but that doesn't mean they are less important about shaping how the future will look to the next generation."

This is still a "petri dish of democracy," said Salman Shaikh, director of The Brookings Doha Center in Qatar.

"You don't impose democracy. You develop it," he said. "Indian democracy is not exactly European democracy and that's not exactly American democracy."

The type of democracy that will eventually come from the Arab Spring will take shape over years, maybe decades. You can't rush it."

At an Arab media conference in Dubai this month, a recurring theme was summed up by Bassem Youssef, an Egyptian political satirist, in an oft-heard punch line: Freedom is messy, but people still crave the mess.

The forum then looked ahead with cautious predictions for the Gulf—perhaps soft-pedaled a bit because Dubai officials were on hand—that nonetheless saw authorities being forced to open up their political systems even more or put everything at risk.

"It's really all about legitimacy, isn't it?" said Khalid al-Firm, a professor of political media at Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University in Saudi Arabia. "The legacy of the Arab Spring is essential in this message: Why should you be in power? Why should we trust you? What is your legitimacy? That is powerful."

"Lies," he told the gathering, "are no longer marketable."



In this Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 file photo, Islamist, nationalist and liberal opposition groups gather together to protest the Kuwait government's amendment of the electoral law and to support a boycott on the country's elections.

Overdrive

By BARRY SPYKER
THE MIAMI HERALD

At the risk of igniting a sexy debate, carmakers have been on board for some time now with the bigger-is-better theory. Seems each new generation of a model these days brings boasts of longer, wider, taller, roomier.

Well, Honda has taken a different approach with the completely redesigned 2013 Accord. It's smaller and lighter.

Have they lost their minds, you ask? It appears not. And, if you still believe bigger is better, know that the Accord is roomier inside and has more cubic feet of storage in the trunk.

It's the ninth-generation Ac-

corded. Most will go with the standard 2.4-liter inline-four engine, which is decently improved and generates 185 horsepower and 181 pound-feet of torque. That's better than last generation and, equipped with the CVT (continuously variable transmission), will get you to 60 mph in 7.5 seconds. That ranks well with this class.

The Sport trim, equipped with a dual exhaust, squeezes out 8 more horses and some more torque.

Accord's next engine is the 3.5-liter V-6, which also has been upgraded and gets 278 hp and 252

pound-feet of torque. Zero to 60 improves to a quite impressive 6.1 seconds.

Perhaps more important to the Accord crowd: Mileage with the inline four and CVT is in the low-20s around town, low 30s on the highway. Slightly better with the 6-speed manual. With the V-6, linked to a 6-speed automatic, you should get around 20 in town but a sweet 33 on the open road.

Honda has one of the best CVT's on the road; it doesn't whine or strain and feels pretty much like the 6-speed automatics.

Acceleration from a stop or for passing is more than adequate in the 4-cylinder and even better with the six. No problems with handling, as the Accord is well-balanced and offers no sig-

ificant body roll on corners.

The electric-assist steering is lighter than I prefer, but it's responsive and accurate.

From inside, Honda says improvements should make Accord even quieter—road noise is greatly reduced. And visibility remains excellent in all directions.

Seats are comfortable for long trips and offer decent headroom and legroom. Back-seat riders should have no complaints, either.

A nod of approval goes to the materials inside, with soft-touch surfaces that make this car feel more like a luxury car.

The center stack is chock full of easy-to-access information, and some models offer two screens. Strange but true. The top screen handles navigation and rear views for safer backup; The bottom screen is touch-sensitive and handles audio controls and things like phone operation.

The trunk can handle the golf

clubs, though I didn't get to play during my week with the Accord. That's because I was bribed into food shopping with the wife. But there I discovered room to spare for a whole week's worth of groceries.

Among Accord's safety features is the neat LaneWatch blind-spot monitoring system. Whenever you hit the right turn signal, a camera on the right-side mirror provides a view of the right side of the car—right on the 8-inch

screen. Easy to use, easy to see, this option makes for safe and confident lane changes.

Other safety features include ABS, traction and stability control, front seat air bags and side-curtain air bags. A lane-departure warning system is optional on higher trims.

So, we are back to trims. After a week in the new-for-2013 Sport version, I can say that I appreciate the few extra horses, 18-inch wheels, rear spoiler and shift paddles on the wheel. But it lacked the crisp feel of a real sport vehicle. It's more sporty in style than performance.

As for the other trims, you may need a scorecard. There are five trims and there are more variations based on whether you choose the coupe or sedan, and the 4-cylinder or 6-cylinder.

The base 4-cylinder LX is nicely equipped with cruise control and tilt/telescoping wheel, full power to accessories, 8-inch video display and even a rear-view camera. The EX-L adds premium 7-speaker sound, leather seats with memory functions and safety extras. The EX-L adds navigation.

The midsize-sedan segment is extremely competitive and one which you should take your time to explore, based on your desires. There's a better-looking entry or two, a couple that offer better mileage, and another that offers all-wheel-drive (you may have guessed the Subaru Legacy).

But for all the things many have come to love about the Honda Accord—comfort, safety, reliability—the ninth gen is not about to let you down.

Honda Accord cuts down on size, not satisfaction

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I own a 1994 GMC 3/4-ton van with a 350 engine. In the past year, the oil pressure has been low, just above the red, and the low warning indicator is on at idle. When I speed up, the pressure goes up. I change the oil every 4,000 miles. At the last oil change I changed it to 10W-40 although the manual calls for 5W-30; this seems to have helped the oil pressure. Is it OK to continue with 10W-40 oil? The van has 145,000 miles on it.

ANSWER: Yes. This is a practical method to improve oil pressure in an older, high-mileage engine. The slightly thicker oil film from the heavier base weight oil—10W—can help protect worn engine bearings as well. As long as you're not hearing knocking or serious mechanical noises from the engine, the heavier oil should buy you many more miles of service from your vehicle.

Over the decades of buying

and driving older, high-mileage vehicles, I've even used 15W-40 and 20W-50 oils in high-mileage engines to improve oil pressure and extend their service life.

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Q: Our 2001 BMW 325xi has 154,000 mostly highway miles and runs fine except for using a quart of oil every 600 to 800 miles. This consumption started at something over the 100,000-mile mark. I've always used BMW oil or Mobil 1 fully synthetic oil, and change the oil and filter every 8,000 to 10,000 miles. The engine does not leak, and I've never seen a whiff of blue smoke. I've replaced the oil separator valve with the "winter service" unit that apparently is now recommended by BMW. I also checked the external oil return line for sludge and I think it is clear down to the oil pan. Any suggestions other than new oil rings?

A: BMW's PCV system (positive crankcase ventilation) doesn't use a conventional PCV valve to regulate engine vacuum applied to the crankcase to extract and burn crankcase vapors and blow-by. In your vehicle,

BMW incorporated an oil separator into the PCV system to allow vapors but prevent liquid oil from being drawn into the induction system. Oil is separated out and allowed to drain back into the oil.

My first concern with your engine would be some type of obstruction or leakage in the PCV system that is preventing crankcase vapors from being drawn into the induction system. In this case, the crankcase could become pressurized with blow-by and force oil past the oil control rings into the combustion chamber. Any type of air leak into the engine from the oil filler cap, dipstick, valve cover, etc., would tend to dilute PCV function and could increase oil consumption.

Similar to the first question in this column, you could certainly try a heavier synthetic to see if it helps oil consumption. As long as the engine runs well, oil is far less expensive than new rings.

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Q: In 2007 I purchased a 1998 Buick Park Avenue with 111,000 actual miles; it now has 151,000 miles. Within days after the purchase, I discovered that occasionally



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This is the 2013 Honda Accord.

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2013 Honda Accord

- Base price, excluding destination charge: \$22,000
- Price as tested: \$24,180

cord, and it remains good at what it's nearly always done—being a roomy, comfortable and reliable family hauler. But then it went one better on the exterior styling by smoothing out the lines, sculpting in more curves. The front, including the headlights, and rear also were enhanced.

And Honda added a couple more trims: a Sport version, in an attempt to wake up younger folks to the Accord, and the Touring, for those seeking more extras and more refinement. More on that later.

For you Accord loyalists, know that Honda has retained everything you've loved: a smooth, quiet ride that gets you there rather economically. But driving enthusiasts haven't been

Study says middle-aged buyers more important than ever to auto industry

Middle-aged car buyers are more important to the auto industry than ever, according to a new study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

Adults in the 55- to 64-year-old age group were 15 times more likely to buy new vehicles than 18- to 24-year-olds in 2011, the study found.

In a separate study released in 2012, UMTRI found that the percentage of 19-year-olds with a driver's license had fallen below 70 percent, its lowest point in nearly 30 years.

Collectively, the results show the industry's success is still predicated on its ability to connect with older buyers.

"The probability of buying a vehicle per driver is highest for people between 55 and 64

years of age," said Michael Sivak, who led the study, which relied on data from R.L. Polk. "That is probably surprising to many people because they think of much younger people being the target audience."

Another finding: 35-to-44-year-olds bought fewer vehicles as a percentage of the market in 2011 than they did in 2007, potentially reflecting how the tough economy affected Generation X.

Consumers in the 55-to-64 segment bought 23 percent of U.S. vehicles in 2011, up from 18 percent in 2007. At the same time, those between 35 and 44 accounted for 22 percent of vehicle purchases in 2011, down from 29 percent in 2007. (*Detroit Free Press*)

when accelerating from a stop, the transmission chatters like a stick shift driven by someone just learning to drive. When I let up on the gas, the chattering stops and shifting seems normal. It doesn't happen very often and doesn't seem to be related to how hard I hit the gas pedal. Do you have any idea what may be causing the chatter and do you think I should have it overhauled?

A: GM service bulletin #00-07-30-002B from 2002 identified possible causes for intermittent slippage/shuddering from the 4T65-E transmission in your vehicle. Sediment in the pressure control solenoid or valve body and incorrect oil level all can potentially cause fluctuations in hydraulic line pressure in the transmission.

Before you even think about an overhaul, try adding half a can of Sea Foam Trans Tune to the fluid, drive the car for several weeks, then consider have a complete flush, filter and fill.

Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.

Life & Style

Jolie joins Pitt at 'World War Z' London premiere

LONDON (AP)—Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie stepped out together Sunday at the premiere of zombie thriller "World War Z"—Jolie's first public appearance since announcing last month that she had undergone a double mastectomy.

The couple said they had been moved by the outpouring of public support that followed Jolie's disclosure.

Jolie told reporters she felt great, and had "been very happy to see the discussion about women's health expanded" by her announcement.

"And after losing my mom to these issues, I'm very grateful for it, and I've been very moved by the kind of support from people," she said.

Jolie revealed last month in an op-ed piece for The New York Times that she had had her breasts removed after discovering she has an inherited

genetic mutation that puts her at high risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Jolie's mother Marcheline Bertrand died from ovarian cancer at 56, and the actress' aunt died of breast cancer last month.

The 37-year-old actress revealed that, beginning in February, she underwent three surgeries—which she succeeded in keeping secret from the public—in which her breasts were removed, and later replaced by implants. She said the procedure had reduced her chance of developing breast cancer from 87 percent to under 5 percent.

On Sunday the couple walked a black, rather than red, carpet at the world premiere of "World War Z," which stars Pitt as a United Nations employee battling to save the world from a zombie apocalypse.

The pair wore complementary black outfits as they

signed autographs for fans in Leicester Square.

Pitt said Jolie's mastectomy and subsequent revelation had been "a very moving experience" for the couple, who have six children.

"I have such respect for her," Pitt said.

"The fact that she would not be frightened of this, what she would have to go through to do this, to take this specter away from our family and ensure that she would be there longer for our family, and the kids ... I get very emotional about it."

"I did not expect what a tipping point, how much it would mean for others to hear her stories, others that might be wrestling with the same things," he added.

Rock band Muse performed an outdoor concert Sunday for the premiere of the shot-in-Britain film, which producers hope will be a summer blockbuster.

Winfrey to Harvard grads: Learn from your failures

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (AP)—The invitation from Harvard University caught Oprah Winfrey at a low point. Her new TV network was struggling, branded a flop in the media, when Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust called last year to ask Winfrey to address 2013 graduates.

The request came "in the very moment when I had stopped succeeding," Winfrey recalled.



Oprah Winfrey clasps hands with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino prior to their receiving honorary degrees from Harvard University at commencement ceremonies in Cambridge, Mass., Thursday, May 30, 2013.

She headed for a long shower to think ("It was either that or a bag of Oreos," she joked) and emerged resolved to change her story by the time her speech rolled around.

A year later, Winfrey said, her Oprah Winfrey Network has found its footing and her

approach to facing setbacks had been validated. Stumbles are inevitable but not permanent, Winfrey told graduates Thursday.

"I want you to remember this: There is no such thing as failure," she said. "Failure is just life trying to move us in another direction."

Winfrey spoke during the afternoon session of Harvard's 362nd commencement before a packed Harvard Yard. The

Her own calling, she said, was to use television to show people "that what unites us is ultimately far more redeeming and compelling than anything that separates (us)."

Winfrey's speech dipped into politics, as she referred to entrenched partisanship that's stymied legislation she said most Americans favor, including stronger background checks for gun purchases and a path to citizenship for immigrants in the country illegally.

Winfrey urged graduates to break through divisions and spoke of a lesson she learned from doing thousands of interviews. Every person—from George W. Bush to Barack Obama to Beyoncé, "in all her Beyoncé-ness"—asks the same thing when the interview is over: "Was that OK?"

People want to be validated and know that they're being understood, Winfrey said. She challenged graduates to do that by personally connecting with people as a way to bridge divides.

"Even though this is the college where Facebook was born, my hope is that you will have the courage to go out and have conversations with people you disagree with," she said.

Ultimately, graduates need to be true to themselves and open to sharing who they are, she said.

"What you learn, teach; what you get, give," Winfrey said. "That, my friends, is what gives your life purpose and meaning."

media mogul and former talk-show host urged graduates to find their own story, which she described as their true calling or purpose.

"When you inevitably struggle and find yourself stuck in a hole, that is the story that will get you out," she said.



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie arrive for the World Premiere of World War Z at a central London cinema, Sunday, June 2, 2013. AP

Billy Joel surprises New York high school

NEW YORK (AP)—Billy Joel was back in high school.

The singer surprised an assembly full of students at the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in the borough of Queens on Thursday, appearing with Tony Bennett, who opened the school in 2001 through his Exploring the Arts program.

Joel performed songs on two different pianos onstage—he sang "New York State of Mind" on one and "She's Got a Way" on the other. In between his performances, he answered questions from students.

The first: "What do you think is one of your biggest mistakes?"

"My biggest mistake was signing a lot of contracts that I didn't know what they were about," said Joel, who released his first album in 1971. "I signed away a lot of my rights—record royalties, publishing rights, copyrights and it took me years to get that stuff back."

One male student asked for a hug as the audience cheered on, another had the 64-year-old sign his yearbook and a young girl got an autograph for her mother.

The crowd of 400 students

brought a playful side out of Joel, who was lively with the students.

When asked who his favorite collaborator was, the Grammy winner answered: "Probably Elle Macpherson. That was a good collaboration," he said of the Australian model he dated in the 1980s.

One girl asked Joel if he would play "Uptown Girl."

"It's my favorite song," she gushed.

"It sounds like crap without harmonies and drums," Joel replied.

"I can be your harmony," she added to laughs.

Joel did not graduate with his high school class and instead was given a diploma 25 years later. He has made a number of visits to colleges in recent years—including a recent trip to Vanderbilt that went viral.

He said in an interview that his favorite moment in school was cutting class to go play the piano in the auditorium. He also said he was greatly affected by one of his teachers.

"I had a good chorus teacher and he encouraged me to become a musician. That's my

greatest memory of school—an adult said, 'You should consider becoming a professional musician,'" he recalled. "I'd never heard (that) before in my life and that kind of changed my life."

Bennett's Exploring the Arts program supports 14 schools in New York and will launch three schools in Los Angeles this year. He and his wife, former teacher Susan Crow, kept Joel's appearance a secret since March.

"I had teachers texting me last night, 'Susan, who's coming?' My lips are sealed," Crow said.

Joel's interaction with the students was a memorable moment for Bennett, a Queens native.

"It's something that will stay with them forever and ever," he said.

Joel, who was born in the Bronx, said he was teased when he would get piano lessons since that teacher also taught ballet.

"I would walk by the guys on my block (and they'd say), 'Where's your tutu?' They'd knock the books out of my hand," Joel recalled, which earned a stream of "awws" from the students.

"But then I took up boxing," he said.

'Got Talent' boss Simon Cowell: A talent for relevance

NEW YORK (AP)—So what's new on TV?

The new season of "America's Got Talent" starts Tuesday at 9 p.m. EDT. New judges include former Spice Girl Mel B. and supermodel/personality Heidi Klum, who are joining forces with Howie Mandel and Howard Stern. New York's Radio City Music Hall is the spectacular new venue.

Even so, the roots of this NBC variety competition are steeped in TV antiquity, reaching back to the medium's infancy.

It was on June 20, 1948, that "The Ed Sullivan Show" (then known as "The Toast of the Town") began its 24 seasons of jugglers, opera singers, comedians, animal acts and (of course) Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

It was also 65 years ago that "The Original Amateur Hour" moved to television after a successful run on radio (its final CBS telecast was in 1970).

The variety show was pro-

nounced dead decades ago. And after "The Gong Show" in the 1970s and '80s, and "Star Search," which folded in 1995, talent competitions also seemed kaput.

But Simon Cowell has done his part to resurrect both genres.

He was, of course, the tart-tongued judge when "American Idol" began its epoch-changing run on Fox in 2002.

With his Syco Entertainment, he now serves as a creator, producer and judge on Fox's "The X Factor," which come fall starts its third season.

And off-camera, he is the driving force of "America's Got Talent," now starting its eighth season.

In a recent phone interview from his native London, the 53-year-old mega-impresario recalled enjoying talent shows like "Opportunity Knocks" and "New Faces" as a child.

And he described how a few years ago, amid the boom

of singing competitions, he hatched the idea for the broader-based talent show "America's Got Talent" emerged as. He was watching a singing show in Britain when a contestant warbled a too-familiar song, and very badly, "and I remember thinking: 'I'd actually rather watch a dancing dog than listen to her.'

"Then I said to myself, 'I used to LOVE that kind of show! Why don't we bring back that type of show again?'"

So he did. "America's Got Talent" (the first in Cowell's global "Got Talent" franchise, with original versions of the format now produced in 56 territories) premiered in 2006. And last year (fittingly) a dog act, Olate Dogs, won the \$1 million prize.

Cowell is expectedly bullish about the season ahead.

"The new panel has jelled very well. There's really good chemistry with the judges and the host (Nick Cannon)," he said. He also sang the praises of

the series' new producer, Sam Donnelly. "She's totally revitalized the American show. It's by far the best we've done."

Of course, "AGT" is hardly Cowell's only project, even in the U.S.

Come fall, "The X Factor" returns on Fox after two seasons of conspicuously falling short of what the audience was led to expect.

Will its third be the charm?

"If you'd asked me that question even a month ago," Cowell replied, "I would have said I honestly don't know." But recent auditions in Charleston, S.C., were "by far the best two days we've shot" since the series began, he declared.

"It suddenly just clicked. And there's one audition in particular that's probably one of my favorites that I've ever been involved in—a one-in-10-million audition. I can't stop thinking about it.

"I think we may have got it right," he summed up.

The talent-show derby has been dominated in recent months by the hearty performance of NBC's "The Voice" (whose producers include reality mogul Mark Burnett) and the ratings erosion of "American Idol," whose judging panel Cowell exited three years ago.

"Not my problem anymore," he chuckled when asked to diagnose what is plaguing "Idol."

"It's so much in my past now," he said. "I deliberately this year didn't watch a single second of the show."

Maybe publicized clashes between its judges (only one of whom—maybe—will be back next season) upstaged the performers. Maybe the show is getting old in the tooth. Or maybe, with all the rival talent shows (including ABC's "Dancing

With the Stars," Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance" and even AMC's new docureality series, "Showville"), the genre is glutted.

"There is no question about it, there are too many," Cowell said. "But funny enough, that doesn't bother me. It makes you more focused."

Asked the most important thing he focuses on, Cowell didn't pause before replying, "relevancy. Somebody once said to me, 'Disco died in the '70s.' Those words haunt me. You have to stay relevant in EACH decade."

But how? "I listen. I listen to people who've had more experience than me. And I listen to 16- and 17-year-olds. I'm not threatened by someone who knows more than me. I just want them to TELL me!"

"I love learning new things," said the man world-famous for his on-the-air outspokenness. "I'd rather listen than talk."



Cowell



AP

This film publicity image released by Universal Pictures shows Dwayne Johnson, left, Vin Diesel, center, and Paul Walker in a scene from "Fast & Furious 6."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

No more monkey business: Bieber pet has new home

BERLIN (AP)—Justin Bieber's former pet, Mally the Monkey, is getting ready to meet new playmates at his new home in Germany. The 23-week-old animal was presented to photographers at the Serengeti Park in Hodenhagen, in northern Germany, on Friday. He faces another 25 days in quarantine before he can join his new family: the zoo's six capuchin monkeys, three male and three female—including baby Molly, born in February. Mally was transferred to the zoo last weekend after living at a Munich animal shelter since he was seized by German customs March 28. Bieber failed to produce the required vaccination and import papers after arriving for a European tour. Mally's ownership was transferred to the German state May 21 after the singer missed a deadline to send the documents.

Beckett manuscript could fetch \$1.2M at auction

LONDON (AP)—Sotheby's says the manuscript of Irish writer Samuel Beckett's first novel could fetch more than \$1.2 million at auction next month. The six exercise books contain the text of "Murphy" as well as notes, doodles and sketches of figures including James Joyce and Charlie Chaplin. Sotheby's books specialist Peter Selley said Friday that the 800-page volume written in 1935-36 was "unquestionably the most important manuscript" by a modern British or Irish novelist to appear at auction for decades. Its many revisions give insights into Beckett's creative process.

Fox's animated "Epic" and Paramount's "Star Trek: Into Darkness" tied for fourth place with \$16.4 million each, while "The Hangover Part III" was fifth with \$15.9 million.

price is 800,000 pounds to 1.2 million pounds (\$1.2 million to \$1.8 million).

Bette Midler's 1-woman show recoups investment

NEW YORK (AP)—Bette Midler is box office gold—her one-woman Broadway show has recouped its \$2.4 million investment in just over eight weeks. On Broadway for the first time in 30 years, Midler is playing the wondrously snooty super talent agent in "I'll Eat You Last: A Chat With Sue Mengers." Written by John Logan, the play is a straightforward biography of a girl with a heavy German accent who turned herself into a mover and shaker in Hollywood. The show didn't get a single Tony nomination but has been a tough ticket, pulling in \$808,816 last week with only seven shows at full capacity. Other shows this season that recouped include Tom Hanks' "Lucky Guy," the Al Pacino-led revival of "Glen-garry Glen Ross" and "The Heiress" with Jessica Chastain.

Napster co-founder Sean Parker ties the knot

BIG SUR, California (AP)—A spokesman for former Facebook president and Napster co-founder Sean Parker says the wealthy Web entrepreneur has married singer-songwriter Alexandra Lenas. Matthew Hiltzik says the couple wed Saturday evening in front of 300 family members and friends at the swanky Ventana Inn & Spa in Big Sur. He says the couple's daughter, Winter, participated in the ceremony. Parker helped start the music-sharing site Napster and was an early Facebook adviser who served as its first president. He was portrayed by Justin Timberlake in the movie "The Social Network." Forbes estimates the 33-year-old's net worth at \$2 billion.

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1. **"Fast & Furious 6,"** \$34.5 million (\$75 million international).
2. **"Now You See Me,"** \$28.05 million. (\$600,000 international).
3. **"After Earth,"** \$27 million (\$2.6 million international).
4. (tie) **"Epic,"** \$16.4 million (\$28.5 million international).
4. (tie) **"Star Trek: Into Darkness,"** \$16.4 million (\$37.6 million international).
5. **"The Hangover Part III,"** \$15.9 million (\$82.3 million international).
6. **"Iron Man 3,"** \$8 million (\$9.9 million international).
7. **"The Great Gatsby,"** \$6.3 million (\$22.6 million international).
8. **"Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani,"** \$1.6 million (\$900,000 international).
9. **"Mud,"** \$1.2 million (\$350,000 international).
10. **"The Croods,"** \$615,000 (\$3.7 million international).

release features an ensemble cast, including Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Woody Harrelson, in a tale of illusionists who rob banks and share the spoils with their audience. Among the new original offerings was the magic-heist thriller "Now You See Me," which exceeded industry expectations to debut in second place with \$28.1 million. The Lionsgate/Summit Entertainment

release features an ensemble

cast, including Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Woody Harrelson, in a tale of illusionists who rob banks and share the spoils with their audience.

"It certainly has been magic for us to watch the numbers this weekend," said Richie Fay, Lionsgate's president of domestic distribution, who attributes the film's success to a "brilliant marketing campaign" and posi-

Matt Smith leaving lead role in 'Doctor Who'



This illustration released by DC Entertainment shows a logo commemorating the 75th anniversary of Superman.

DC marks Superman's 75th anniversary with logo

What to get Superman for his 75th birthday? DC Entertainment's starting with a new logo.

The company, part of Warner Bros. Entertainment, unveiled the new logo Thursday in honor of Superman's 75th anniversary. It ties in the iconic character's familiar red and blue colors, along with his ever-present cape, and the legend "75 Years."

Its first appearance is on the cover of "Superman Unchained" by DC co-publisher Jim Lee and writer Scott Snyder on June 12, along with a new animated short being produced by Zack Snyder, portions of which will be shown at San Diego Comic-Con in July as a sneak-peak.

Snyder's finished version, which will pay homage to Superman, will debut in full later this summer.

Warner Bros. CEO Kevin Tsujihara said Thursday the new logo is part of a year-long celebration of what he called the "first super hero" whose exploits have jumped from the pages of comic books to radio, television, movies (the latest incarnation, "Man of Steel," is due out this summer) and video games, among other media.

"We are proud to commemorate this milestone with exciting entertainment across the entire Studio and across the globe, ensuring this enduring icon reaches new generations of audiences," he said of the character created in Cleveland, Ohio, by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster and who debuted on the cover of "Action Comics" No. 1 in June 1938.

Diane Nelson, president of DC Entertainment, called Superman "undeniably the greatest super hero in the world and likely the most influential comic book character of all time." (AP)

LONDON (AP)—Who will be the new Who?

The BBC says Matt Smith is stepping down from the lead role in long-running sci-fi series "Doctor Who," spurring intense speculation about his replacement.

The broadcaster said Sunday that Smith will leave after a November episode to mark the show's 50th anniversary, and a Christmas special.

The titular Doctor is a time-traveling, extra-terrestrial Time Lord who can regenerate into new bodies. Smith is the 11th actor to play the character since the series began in 1963.

Smith, who took over the role from David Tennant in 2010, said playing the Doctor had been "the most brilliant experience for me as an actor and a bloke."

"Doctor Who" is one of the BBC's most popular programs, and Smith's tenure has seen the show gain new fans in the United States, where it is shown on BBC America.



Actor Matt Smith from "Doctor Who" attends the 72nd Annual Peabody Awards at the Waldorf-Astoria on Monday, May 20, 2013 in New York.

The BBC did not announce Smith's replacement, but fans took to the Internet to speculate about casting of the 12th Doctor.

Bookmaker William Hill made "Being Human" star Russell Tovey and "Harry Potter"

alumnus Rupert Grint 10-1 favorites, followed by stage star Rory Kinnear and "Homeland" actor David Harewood.

William Hill also offered 8-1 odds on the next Doctor being female.



In this Oct. 22, 2012 file photo Singer Kanye West and girlfriend Kim Kardashian attend Gabrielle's Angel Foundation 2012 Angel Ball cancer research benefit at Cipriani Wall Street in New York.

Kim Kardashian reveals she and West having a girl

NEW YORK (AP)—Kanye West can pass down that leather skirt to his future child: He and Kim Kardashian are expecting a daughter.

The big reveal of the baby's sex came Sunday night on Kardashian's E! reality show, "Keep-

ing Up With the Kardashians."

Kardashian said she was excited to be having a girl and added, "Who doesn't want a girl?" She added that that's what Kanye wanted as well.

The couple didn't let on about what the baby would be before

Sunday's show aired, with Kardashian saying that they were buying all-white clothes for the baby so people wouldn't guess the baby's gender.

Kardashian is due to give birth to the couple's first child sometime this summer.

Actress Pia Zadora arrested on domestic battery

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Singer-actress Pia Zadora has been arrested on suspicion of domestic battery and coercion after a disturbance at her Las Vegas home.

The 61-year-old Zadora was booked Saturday into a detention center and released after posting \$4,000 bail.

She was arrested about 11 a.m., some six hours after po-

lice responded to a disturbance call at her home.

Police declined to release the name of the victim and other details, saying further information would be released Monday.

Zadora has been married to her third husband, Las Vegas police detective Mi-

chael Jeffries, since 2005. The couple met after Zadora contacted police to report a stalking incident.

After working as a child actress on Broadway, she appeared in various movies. When her film career failed to take off, she became a singer of popular standards.



Zadora

Children taught to appreciate solitude find good company

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "Solitary Woman in Ottawa, Canada" (March 5), the expectant mom who asked how she could raise her child to enjoy "periods of quiet, reflective fun by himself."

I have two children, ages 7 and 1. Like "Solitary," I also enjoy time to myself, whether reading, writing or going for a hike.

When my son was born, I felt it was important to give him confidence and the ability to be self-sufficient. Therefore, we have him help us with chores like grocery shopping and encourage him to make healthy, responsible choices. When he was 2 and stopped taking naps, we told him he had to have "quiet time" and that reading to himself was one of the options.

As a result, our son is self-motivated, an avid reader and writer, and has an intellectual curiosity most adults don't have. He is teaching himself cursive writing and is interested in learning a foreign language.

We live in the Colorado Rockies, and getting rid of our TV set was one of the best things our family has ever done. Instead of tuning each other out, we enjoy conversation, creating and sharing our days together. I have never been happier as a father or husband.

I am concerned for people who are afraid of silence. I suspect it's a sign of sensory bombardment. The human mind needs moments of clarity brought on by reflection.

DAD WHO GETS IT

DEAR DAD: Thank you for your letter. I received many thoughtful comments from people who identify strongly with "Solitary's" point of view:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Solitary Woman" was good, but did not start soon enough. She should provide stimulating crib and playpen toys to teach her son at an early age that he can control some aspects of his environment. Having this ability is the key to enjoying solitude.

When my daughter was 7 weeks old, I attached a mobile fashioned from a white wire coat hanger and rainbow-hued origami cranes to her bassinet. I wiggled it and watched her smile at the moving colored birds. When the movement stopped, she became frustrated and began to whimper and kick and flail her arms. The paper birds moved again. She lay still and watched them. When they stopped the second time, she didn't whimper but just moved herself in the bassinet. She had learned she could control her environment.

As a toddler she could leave her playmates and pursue solitary activities in the quiet of her own room. I am convinced that her bassinet experience was the basis for learning to be happy by herself and with herself.

SMART MAMA IN EL CAJON, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: According to a journalist and mother who published a book on the topic, when an infant cries, wait a few minutes and listen before reaching out. This gives the baby time to learn how he feels with himself, and to deal with it emotionally. After five minutes or so, if the baby has a real need, then you can reach for him. Doing it too quickly prevents this crucial process of learning to be with oneself.

ANOTHER SOLITARY CANADIAN

DEAR ABBY: As a teacher (now retired), I was always interested in personality types and how they affect learning and interaction with others. One way of dividing personality types is into introverts and extroverts. Introverts get their energy from quiet time alone; extroverts get energy from being with other people and sensory activities.

This is an inborn trait that cannot really be taught, and there are varying degrees of the introvert/extrovert characteristic along a continuum. Wise parents will learn their child's personality traits and tailor their parenting to help him/her have the best learning situations possible.

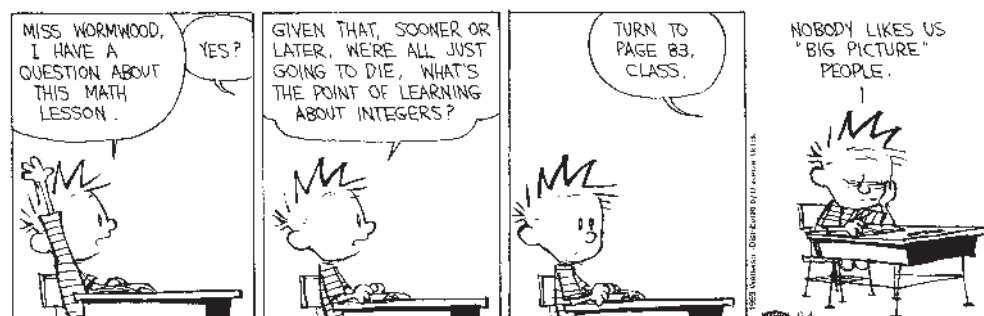
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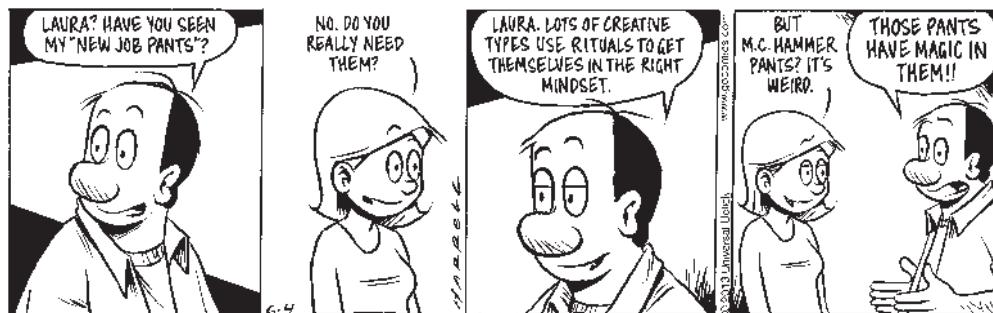
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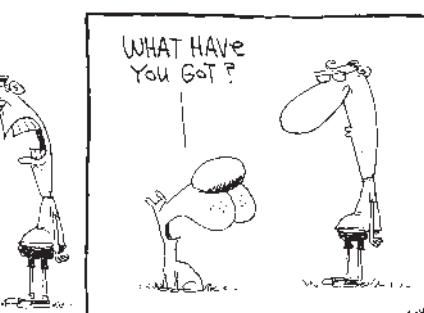


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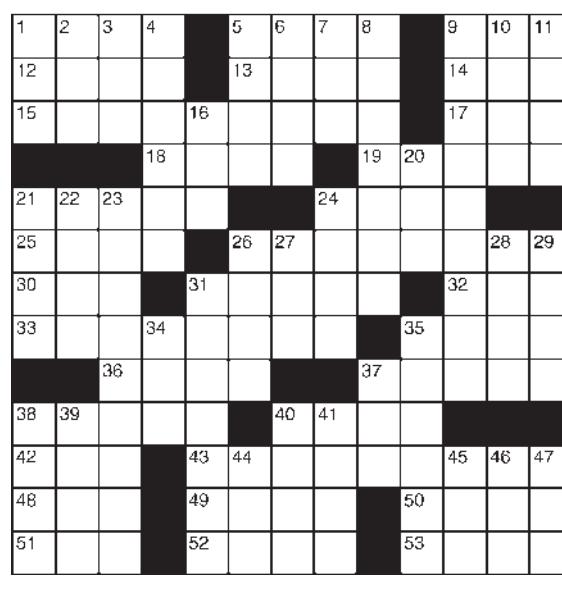


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By Eugene Sheffer

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By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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Difficulty Level ★

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Kuchar holds on to win Memorial



DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)—Most of the perks from winning the Memorial were evident to Matt Kuchar soon after his 20-foot birdie putt tumbled into the final hole Sunday.

He looked just beyond the 18th green to where 3-year-old son Carson was giving a high-five to tournament host Jack Nicklaus. He had the first multiple-win season of his PGA Tour career. Kuchar went to a career-best No. 4 in the world ranking. He is all but assured of returning to Muirfield Village in October as part of the Presidents Cup team.

"To walk off the green and to greet Mr. Nicklaus and have him congratulate me, that's something I'll certainly never forget," he said.

Perhaps the greatest benefit was one only Kuchar could feel—confidence.

And that's a big deal with the U.S. Open approaching.

Kuchar missed only one fairway and held off a hard-charging Kevin Chappell over the last three holes to close with a 4-under 68 for a two-shot victory. The win came one week after he was runner-up by one shot at the Colonial.

"Great golf breeds more great

golf," Kuchar said. "Winning tournaments breeds winning more tournaments. Anytime you can get comfortable playing in that final group, finishing off a tournament, winning a tournament is a huge amount of confidence. Heading into Merion, I'll have a lot of confidence."

"I'm looking forward to my chances there at Merion."

He sure played the kind of golf that goes a long way at the U.S. Open, which starts June 13 at Merion Golf Club outside Philadelphia.

Muirfield Village was such a demanding test that Tiger Woods had two triple bogeys in the same tournament for the first time since 1997 and wound up with the second-highest tournament score in his career at 8-over 296.

"It happens. It happens to us all," Woods said. "Go home next week and practice."

Not having Woods around didn't make the task any easier for Kuchar.

Right when he thought the tournament was in hand, Chappell birdied three of his last four holes. Two shots behind going to the 18th, Chappell stuffed his approach to tap-in range for birdie. Kuchar needed only two putts from 20 feet for the win, and instead he rolled the birdie



putt into the hole and thrust his fist into the air as he smiled.

He's always smiling, and he had good reason on this day. He joined Woods has the only players to win more than once this year on tour—Kuchar also won the Match Play Championship in February—and his game is peaking heading into a summer of majors, the one missing piece for the 35-year-old American.

"His bad shots hit greens. And he's really good with the putter," Chappell said. "And he just doesn't make very many mistakes."

Chappell, who missed four birdie attempts inside 10 feet on the front nine, still closed with a 68. He played his last 25 holes without a bogey.

Kyle Stanley ran off four birdies in a five-hole stretch to end the front nine and pull within one shot, but he fell back with a bogey on the par-5 11th and never caught up. Stanley fell out of a tie for second on the 17th hole, and it was costly. A runner-up finish would have put him inside the top 50 and allowed him to skip 36 holes of U.S. Open qualifying on Monday. He closed with a 71 and finished alone in third, which will move him to just inside the top 60.

The top 60 after next week are exempt to the U.S. Open.

Matt Kuchar raises the trophy after winning the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 2, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.

Federer comes back to beat Simon at French Open

PARIS (AP)—Chasing a shot, Roger Federer caught his right shoe in the French Open's red clay, twisting that foot awkwardly and tumbling to the ground.

Soon enough, he was in a real rut, in danger of his earliest exit from a Grand Slam tournament in nine years.

Federer regrouped and restored order eventually, coming back from a two-sets-to-one deficit to beat 15th-seeded Gilles Simon of France 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 Sunday in the fourth round to reach his 36th consecutive major quarterfinal.

"I didn't hurt myself or anything," Federer said. "But maybe I did lose that touch of confidence for a little bit, and then I was out of the match there for a bit."

During a rare stretch of mid-match mediocrity from the owner of a record 17 Grand Slam championships—the 2009 French Open trophy is part of his collection—Federer lost 10 of 13 games, including the one in which he fell.

"I didn't give him time," said Simon, a one-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist. "I managed to start moving him around a bit."

But Simon, a former member of the top 10, could not keep Federer down. Able to "tidy up my play," as he put it, Federer went from hitting more than twice as many unforced errors

as Simon in the second and third sets, 25-12, to generating more than twice as many winners in the fourth and fifth, 29-14.

"When things turn nasty," Simon said, "he responds well."

Federer said the match will give him "a lot of info" heading into his quarterfinal against another Frenchman, No. 6-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Federer's turnaround was not the biggest of the day. Not even close. That distinction belonged to 32nd-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain, who is specializing in comebacks: He is the first man in 86 years to win three Grand Slam matches in a row after dropping the first two sets (France's Henri Cochet pulled that off at Wimbledon in 1927).

Robredo did it in the second round Wednesday. He did it in the third round Friday. And then he did it in the fourth round Sunday, defeating No. 11 Nicolas Almagro 6-7 (5), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Robredo trailed 4-1 in the third set, 4-2 in the fourth and 2-0 in the fifth.

"Nobody dreams of doing such things," said Robredo, who dropped to his knees, leaned forward and wept after winning.

Almagro's take?

"I don't know what adjective to use," he said.

Robredo's first French Open quarterfinal since 2009—he

missed the tournament in 2011 and 2012 because of left leg problems that required surgery—will be against another Spaniard, No. 4 David Ferrer, who eliminated No. 23 Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

Tsonga, the 2008 Australian Open runner-up, got past Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Tsonga is 3-9 against Federer, but he did come back from a two-set hole to win their 2011 Wimbledon quarterfinal.

"I know he can beat me, and he knows he can beat me," Federer said. "But I'm going to make sure that doesn't happen."

So far, all of the top three men in the tournament—No. 1 Novak Djokovic, No. 2 Federer and No. 3 Rafael Nadal, the seven-time champion—have had issues. Nadal lost a set in each of his first two matches; Djokovic needed his upper right arm treated by a trainer Saturday.

And what about the woman who is everyone's pick to win the title, No. 1 Serena Williams? The 15-time major champion has been nearly flawless, losing a total of 10 games through four matches. She beat No. 15 Roberta Vinci 6-1, 6-3 to extend her winning streak to 28 and set up a quarterfinal against Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2009 champion who is unseeded this

year and defeated No. 8 Angelique Kerber 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

"It's a shame I had to face Williams here," Vinci said. "She's the strongest player, by far."

Vinci's had more success in doubles, winning three of the last four major titles with Sara Errani, last year's runner-up to Maria Sharapova in singles at Roland Garros. The fifth-seeded Errani said she felt pain "like a knife" in her midsection and had difficulty breathing in the first set Sunday against No. 20 Carla Suarez Navarro, but after

being treated by a trainer wound up winning 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Errani's quarterfinal opponent will be 2012 Wimbledon runner-up Agnieszka Radwanska, who eliminated 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 6-4.

Federer changed the direction of things against Simon pretty quickly, exhorting himself more than usual with fist-shaking and yells of "Come on!"

From 2-2 in the fourth set, Federer won seven consecutive games. That was pretty much that, although the final game sure was tense. Simon held two break points, but Federer erased one with a service winner, the other with a big serve that set up a putaway. On Federer's second match point, Simon pushed a backhand wide on a 10-stroke exchange.

When they met at the net, Simon extended his hand for a shake—and Federer pulled him in for an embrace.

The victory was Federer's 58th in his French Open career, against 13 losses, equaling the mark for most tournament wins held by Guillermo Vilas and Nicola Pietrangeli. It also was Federer's 900th career victory anywhere, which puts him fourth in men's tour history, behind only Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl and Vilas.

Sunday's drama came in the same stadium where Federer's streak of 23 Grand Slam semifinals in a row ended with a loss in the 2010 quarterfinals to Robin Soderling.

Federer's major quarterfinal run, a record in the 45-year Open era, began at Wimbledon in 2004, shortly after he lost in the third round of the French Open to three-time titlist Gustavo Kuerten.

"This isn't just a one-week thing or one-year thing," the 31-year-old Federer said. "The number is unbelievable. I probably would have been happy with one (quarterfinal) at one point in my career."

On Sunday, pursuing a ball in his backhand corner while ahead 3-2 in the second set, Federer landed hard on his right knee as he went down when his right sneaker's toe stuck in the clay. When Federer rose, dirt

was caked along his right leg.

Simon's shot there made the score 3-all. Appearing shaken, Federer double-faulted to begin the next game, then was broken when he sailed a forehand far beyond the baseline. That set would become the first Federer had lost all tournament. And then he was broken at love to trail 3-2 in the third set, which Simon soon won, too.

As the fourth set began, thousands of fans joined in a chorus of support not for the Frenchman trying to pull off the upset, but his opponent. "Ro-ger! Ro-ger!" they cried, trying to will Federer to perform better.

Simon also heard his fair share of support, with chants of his nickname ringing out around Court Philippe Chatrier—"Gil-lou! Gil-lou!"

"Today definitely reminded me what Simon's first name was," Federer joked afterward. "I heard that throughout the entire match. But I enjoyed it. It's always nice being part of an atmosphere like the one we had tonight."

The fifth set was mostly one-sided, similar to the first. The next-to-last point of that opening set was a thing of beauty, as Federer stretched beyond the doubles alley to sling a forehand that wrapped around the net post and landed in a corner.

Little could he—or Simon—have known there was trouble ahead.



Buchholz, Red Sox beat Yankees 3-0 in 5 1/2 innings



NEW YORK
(AP)—Clay Buchholz allowed two hits in an abbreviated shutout and Boston got home runs from David Ortiz and Jose Iglesias in a victory over New York that was stopped after 5 1/2 innings because of rain.

Buchholz (8-0) outpitched Hiroki Kuroda and was pulled after the second of three weather delays.

Red Sox reliever Andrew Miller was announced into the game and was warming up on the mound when play was abruptly halted again, but Buchholz would be credited with a complete game because Miller never faced a batter, according to official scorer Jordan Sprechman.

Orioles 4, Tigers

In Baltimore, Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 20th homer to ignite a three-run seventh inning, as the Baltimore Orioles got a strong pitching performance from rookie Kevin Gausman in a comeback victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Nate McLouth drove in the go-ahead run for the Orioles, who took two of three from Detroit. Baltimore also rallied on Friday after trailing by two runs in the ninth.

Athletics 2, White Sox 0

In Oakland, California, Josh Donaldson's sixth-inning sacrifice fly ended a career-best 28-inning scoreless streak by Chicago starter Chris Sale.

Jarrod Parker (4-6) hung tough in an impressive pitcher's duel with Sale to win back-to-

back starts for the first time this year. The right-hander matched his season high with seven strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings as Oakland won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Astros 5, Angels 4

In Anaheim, California, Carlos Pena and Carlos Corporan homered against C.J. Wilson and Houston extended its winning streak to a season-high five games.

Jordan Lyles (3-1) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings, struck out five and walked one. The 22-year-old right-hander, who was promoted from Triple-A on May 2, has a 1.90 ERA over his last four starts after giving up eight runs through four innings in a 12-7 loss against Texas.

Rangers 3, Royals 1

In Arlington, Texas, Jurickson Profar hit a tiebreaking home run with two outs in the eighth inning.

Texas starter Yu Darvish pitched seven shutout innings and left with a 1-0 lead.

The 20-year-old Profar connected off J.C. Gutierrez (0-1) for his second homer, a solo shot that put Texas ahead 2-1. David Murphy added an RBI single later in the inning.

Twins 10, Mariners 0

In Minneapolis, Scott Diamond pitched six shutout innings and Josh Willingham hit one of Minnesota's four home runs.

Chris Herrmann hit his first major league homer and Ryan Doumit and Brian Dozier also



Boston Red Sox designated hitter trots the bases after hitting a sixth inning solo home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher Hiroki Kuroda in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, June 2, 2013.

connected for the Twins. Willingham drove in three runs.

The Twins won for the seventh time in nine games.

Rays 11, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Evan Longoria and Yunel Escobar hit two-run homers Sunday.

James Loney added a two-run double for the Rays and Sam Fuld wound up with a triple when his drive bounced off a ball boy. Tampa Bay bounced back a day after its six-game winning streak ended.

Indians manager Terry Francona was ejected in the fifth inning by plate umpire Bill Welke

for arguing a strike call with Nick Swisher batting. It was his first ejection as Cleveland's manager. Jeremy Hellickson (3-2) allowed three runs in five innings.

Diamondbacks 8, Cubs 4

In Chicago, Patrick Corbin became the major leagues' first nine-game winner, laboring through six inning Sunday in the Arizona Diamondbacks' win over the Chicago Cubs.

Corbin (9-0) allowed four runs and six hits, tying the team record for consecutive wins at the start of the season, set by Brandon Webb in 2008. The Diamondbacks are 11-0 in his starts.

Braves 6, Nationals 3

In Atlanta, B.J. Upton and Ramiro Pena hit home runs and Paul Maholm won his third straight decision.

The Braves won two of three from the Nationals and lead Washington by 6.5 games—the biggest advantage for any first-place team in the majors.

Rockies 7, Dodgers 2

In Denver, Dexter Fowler hit two homers off fill-in starter Matt Magill and Jorge De La Rosa pitched seven effective innings.

It was the second multihomer game of the season for Fowler. Todd Helton and Michael Cuddyer added solo homers as the Rockies took two of three from Los Angeles.

Pirates 5, Reds 4, 11 innings

In Pittsburgh, Travis Snider hit an RBI single with two outs in the 11th inning.

Five Pittsburgh relievers combined for 10 scoreless innings. Starter Jeanmar Gomez was removed with tightness in his right forearm after giving up four runs in the first.

Giants 4, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Chad Gaudin picked up a win in his first start in over three years and Brandon Belt broke a tie with a two-run pinch-hit double to help end San Francisco seven-game road losing streak.

Gaudin (1-1) went six innings in his first start since Sept. 28, 2009 as a member of the New York Yankees. He allowed four hits and two runs, both coming

on a two-run homer by David Freese in the fourth. Gaudin is temporarily replacing Ryan Vogelsong in the rotation. Vogelsong broke several bones in his right hand May 20.

Phillies 7, Brewers 5

In Philadelphia, Domonic Brown homered, tripled and drove in four runs to back up the effective pitching of Cliff Lee.

Brown also singled and had a chance for the cycle when he came up in the seventh, but walked. He had three homers and eight RBIs against the Brewers in the weekend series.

Marlins 11, Mets 6

In Miami, Marcell Ozuna drove in four runs and Greg Dobbs hit a three-run homer to help the Miami Marlins complete a three-game sweep over New York.

Ed Lucas and Chris Coghlan each had four hits and two RBIs for the Marlins, who tied a season-high with 16 hits and swept the Mets in Miami for the first time since May 28-30, 2004.

Blue Jays 7, Padres 4, 11 innings

In San Diego, Mark DeRosa hit a go-ahead homer into the second deck in left field leading off the 11th inning and Toronto beat San Diego to avoid a three-game sweep.

It was the second extra-inning game of the series. The Padres won Friday night's game 4-3 in 17 innings.

Blue Jays starter Ramon Ortiz left in the third inning after appearing to hurt his right elbow.

team would look at being in a Game 7 as "a treasure."

"You feel alive when you're tested, when there's adversity, when you have to reveal your character," Spoelstra said. "Then when you do with that collectively, that is a special moment and a special feeling. There's nothing like it in pro sports... arguably two of the top words in pro sports is 'Game 7.'"

The Heat had to win a Game 7 in the East finals at home last season, so they understand the pressure that will be there on Monday night. But in his post-game remarks Saturday, James was smiling, laughing on occasion, showing no signs of strain even though a season of the highest expectations is on the brink of ending earlier than anyone would find acceptable.

How he handles everything on Monday will probably determine if the Heat live to play another day in these playoffs. "I probably will not be able to relax until the game starts," James said. "You know, it's an opportunity for us. And like I said, that's what we had the best record in the league for. If we didn't take care of business on the road at some point in the playoffs, we could always fall back on this. We hate to be in this position, but it's an opportunity and we look forward to it on Monday."

For the Finals: Pacers, Heat to meet in Game 7



tle. For the Pacers, it's a chance to cap what would surely go into the books as one of the biggest upsets in NBA playoff history, considering that they finished 16 1/2 games behind the Heat in the regular season.

None of that matters much now. The Pacers have beaten Miami five of nine times this season. They need a sixth, or else it was all for naught.

"It is a closeout game and an elimination game," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "Our approach right now is not if we lose we're out—our approach is if we win, we get to the finals. And that's what we're going for. We're going to give our best shot and try to win the Eastern Conference championship."

Monday's winner will open the NBA Finals on Thursday against San Antonio.

History suggests that the odds are long for the Pacers. Since the NBA went to its current playoff format in 1984, home teams are 16-2 in Game 7's played in the conference finals or NBA Finals.

Then again, the Pacers were colossal underdogs heading into this series, and if it wasn't for a last-second collapse at the end of Game 1, they probably

would already be East champs.

"It's going to be tough in their arena," Pacers guard Lance Stephenson said. "We've just got to bring it. If we play aggressive like we do at home, we can get the 'W.'"

Indiana headed to Miami with enough luggage for an eight-day trip. If the Pacers win Game 7, they're headed to San Antonio, with no time to make a return swing through Indianapolis along the way.

"We believe we can win the series. We always have," Vogel said. "We haven't been perfect this series, but we're going to need to be near perfect to win a Game 7 there."

The Pacers had an off-the-court distraction to address Sunday. Center Roy Hibbert apologized and was fined \$75,000 by the NBA after using a gay slur in his postgame comments on Saturday, along with a profanity to describe members of the media.

"They were disrespectful and offensive and not a reflection of my personal views," Hibbert was quoted as saying in the statement released by the team. "I used a slang term that is not appropriate in any setting, private or public, and the language

I used definitely has no place in a public forum, especially over live television."

NBA Commissioner David Stern said the fine was necessary "to reinforce that such offensive comments will not be tolerated."

Vogel said he spoke with Hibbert about the matter Sunday, saying "he obviously made a great mistake."

On the court, though, Hibbert has had nothing to apologize for, dominating play inside while the Heat are struggling in countless ways.

Dwyane Wade's sore right knee—which has been an issue for about three months now—is not getting better anytime soon, and he's stopped even wanting to discuss how it's affecting his game. Chris Bosh said he needed to get back in the gym Sunday and regain some lost rhythm. Wade is averaging 12 points on 32 percent shooting in his last three games, Bosh just 6.3 points on 24 percent shooting in that same span.

"Just got to come out and play to win," Wade said. "It's one game for both teams."

Said James, when asked about the other two parts of Mi-

ami's Big Three: "I mean, we can state the obvious. They're both struggling."

They're hardly the only Heat players who picked the wrong time of year to go into a slide. Ray Allen is shooting 13 for 46 in this series, Shane Battier is at 2 for 16, and they're a combined 9 for 39 from 3-point range against the Pacers.

Mike Miller gave the Heat a big second-half boost as they tried to rally from a big deficit in Game 6, and Heat coach Erik Spoelstra suggested that Miller could get some time in the series finale.

"Everything is on the table," Spoelstra said.

One roster tweak the Heat will make on Monday: Chris Andersen's one-game suspension for pushing Indiana's Tyler Hansbrough is now complete, and the Heat backup big man—who is 15 for 15 from the field in the series—will be available for Game 7.

So even on the cusp of elimination Sunday, Spoelstra was decidedly upbeat.

He lauded the Pacers and insisted that this series going the distance is a testament to the level of competition. He said the Heat didn't mind being pushed to the limit, and that his



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	35	23	.603	—
Baltimore	32	25	.561	2 1/2
New York	31	25	.554	3
Tampa Bay	31	25	.554	3
Toronto	24	33	.421	10 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	30	25	.545	—
Cleveland	30	26	.536	1 1/2
Minnesota	25	29	.463	4 1/2
Chicago	24	30	.444	5 1/2
Kansas City	23	31	.426	6 1/2

West Division

Texas	35	21	.625	—
Oakland	34	24	.586	2
Los Angeles	25	32	.439	10 1/2
Seattle	24	33	.421	11 1/2
Houston	20	37	.351	15 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	34	22	.607	—
Washington	28	29	.491	6 1/2
Philadelphia	27	30	.474	7 1/2
New York	22	32	.407	11
Miami	16	41	.281	18 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	37	19	.661	—
Cincinnati	35	22	.614	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	35	22	.614	2 1/2
Chicago	23	32	.418	13 1/2
Milwaukee	21	34	.382	15 1/2

West Division

Arizona	32	24	.571	—
Colorado	30	27	.526	2 1/2
San Francisco	30	27	.526	2 1/2
San Diego	26	30	.464	6
Los Angeles	23	32	.418	8 1/2

MEMORIAL SCORES

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Scores Saturday from the Memorial, a US PGA Tour event at the 7,352-yard, par-72 Muirfield Village Golf Club:

FINAL ROUND

Matt Kuchar (500), \$1,116,000	68-70-68-276
Kevin Chappell (300), \$669,600	71-71-68-68-278
Kyle Stanley (190), \$421,600	67-70-73-71-281
Bill Haas (123), \$272,800	68-67-76-71-282
Scott Stallings (123), \$272,800	70-70-75-67-282
Russell Henley (95), \$215,450	67-77-70-69-283
Matt Jones (95), \$215,450	69-72-70-72-283
Brian Davis (75), \$167,400	75-70-69-70-284
Pat Perez (75), \$167,400	72-69-72-71-284
Justin Rose (75), \$167,400	70-70-71-73-284
Charl Schwartzel (75), \$167,400	65-71-76-72-284
Michael Thompson (75), \$167,400	69-70-68-69-284
James Driscoll (58), \$119,867	70-73-73-67-285
Ryan Moore (58), \$119,867	70-72-73-70-285
Adam Scott (58), \$119,867	73-70-69-73-285
Ken Duke (53), \$93,000	75-69-72-70-286
Hunter Mahan (53), \$93,000	73-68-75-70-286
Scott Piercy (53), \$93,000	66-75-71-74-286
Cameron Tringale (53), \$93,000	71-71-74-70-286
Gary Woodland (53), \$93,000	70-73-70-73-286
Roberto Castro (47), \$58,203	71-70-75-71-287
K.J. Choi (47), \$58,203	72-74-70-71-287
Graham DeLaet (47), \$58,203	70-72-74-71-287
Luke Donald (47), \$58,203	73-73-71-70-287
Jim Furyk (47), \$58,203	75-70-69-73-287
David Hearn (47), \$58,203	71-71-74-71-287
Charles Howell III (47), \$58,203	72-70-73-72-287
Bo Van Pelt (47), \$58,203	73-69-72-73-287
Stewart Cink (40), \$40,300	70-72-76-70-288
J.J. Henry (40), \$40,300	72-72-68-76-288
Davis Love III (40), \$40,300	73-69-72-74-288
Carl Pettersson (40), \$40,300	71-71-73-73-288
Bubba Watson (40), \$40,300	71-67-75-75-288
Bud Cauley (36), \$33,480	71-73-76-69-289
Robert Karlsson (36), \$33,480	69-71-76-73-289
Justin Leonard (36), \$33,480	70-76-73-70-289
Ernie Els (33), \$28,520	73-70-74-73-290
Ricky Fowler (33), \$28,520	72-71-76-71-290
Trevor Immelman (33), \$28,520	70-72-74-74-290
William McGirt (33), \$28,520	73-73-71-73-290
Ben Curtis (26), \$20,556	73-70-73-75-291
Richard H. Lee (26), \$20,556	73-71-72-75-291
George McNeill (26), \$20,556	74-71-71-75-291
Henrik Stenson (26), \$20,556	71-73-75-72-291
Jason Day (26), \$20,556	72-75-72-72-291
Billy Horschel (26), \$20,556	70-75-76-70-291
Brandt Jobe (26), \$20,556	70-75-78-68-291
Marc Leishman (26), \$20,556	74-72-77-68-291
Camilo Villegas (26), \$20,556	72-71-76-72-291
Keegan Bradley (20), \$15,252	71-74-75-72-292
Fred Couples (20), \$15,252	70-75-70-77-292
Luke Guthrie (20), \$15,252	72-74-72-74-292
Robert Allenby (17), \$14,353	74-73-72-74-293
Martin Laird (17), \$14,353	71-75-71-76-293
Chris Stroud (17), \$14,353	69-77-69-78-293
Mike Weir (17), \$14,353	75-72-75-71-293
Derek Ernst (12), \$13,702	70-73-78-73-294
Ryo Ishikawa (12), \$13,702	74-73-74-73-294
David Lingmerth (12), \$13,702	75-70-72-77-294
Rory McIlroy (12), \$13,702	78-69-75-72-294
John Senden (12), \$13,702	71-72-76-75-294
Josh Teater (12), \$13,702	67-79-75-73-294
Charley Hoffman (8), \$13,206	73-69-72-81-295
Jordan Spieth, \$13,206	72-73-82-68-295
George Coetzee, \$12,896	70-75-72-79-296
Charlie Wi (5), \$12,896	67-74-77-78-296
Tiger Woods (5), \$12,896	71-74-79-72-296
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano, \$12,648	72-74-77-74-297
Tom Gillis (2), \$12,462	73-70-75-81-299
Fabian Gomez (2), \$12,462	76-68-77-78-299
Zach Johnson (1), \$12,276	73-72-81-75-301
Justin Hicks (1), \$12,152	73-73-81-76-303
Jimmy Walker (1), \$12,028	72-75-77-80-304

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE



Saipan Soccer School is hosting two events this month.

First up is the 2013 Summer Soccer Camp, which will kick off on June 10 at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

The camp is divided into four sessions with each one running from Monday to Friday for two weeks and

is open for players in the U8 and U10 division. Session 1 will run until June 21, while Session 1 will be held from June 24 to July 5. The last two sessions' schedule are July 8 to July 19 and July 22 to Aug. 2. Sessions for the U10 girls and boys will take place from 8:30am to 10am, while the U8 participants will have their turn from 10:30am to 12nn.

Only the first 20 players to register

and turn in a completed waiver form will be allowed to join the camp. Registration is free and forms are available at the SSS office at the JP Centre or at the NMIFA office at the TSL Plaza. Forms are due on June 7.

Meanwhile, SSS' second event for this month will be the 2012 Youth Futsal League, which is open for girls U18 and boys U15. Only the first four teams in each divi-

sion will be allowed to compete in the league that will kick off on June 26, also at the TSL Sports Complex. Deadline for the submission of registration forms and team rosters is on June 17 and entrance fee is only \$10 per player.

For

MISO Girls Fast-pitch Softball League Finals

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A Saipan Southern High School runner slides home during the top of the fourth inning of their title game against Marianas High School in the 2012-2013 MISO Girls Fast-pitch Softball League last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.



A Saipan Southern High School batter reaches in for a hit.



Southern players and coach Rose Hocog, left, huddle at home plate.



Southern's Cathy Amandus rushes in to catch a fly ball.



Florita Billy throws a pitch at the top of the first inning.



An MHS batter waits for the pitch.



Southern's Keanna Deleon Guerrero catches a pitch from Cathy Amandus.



MHS' Ursula Lizama gets a high-five from her teammates after making a grand slam in the second inning.



A Southern runner is safe at home plate.



MHS fielders get ready on defense.



Kuchar holds on to win Memorial

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Falcons claim Major championship

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The Talaabwogh Falcons avoided the upset axe of McDonald's after recording a 5-1 victory in the winner-take-all finals of the Major division of the 2013 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

Jester Kintaro nearly had a no-hitter in the final, as he notched 12 strikeouts and allowed only one hit in a no-relief job to lift the Falcons to the title win against the eighth and last-seeded McDonald's. McDonald's barged into the finals with high morale after eliminating pennant champion NSA Braves, 13-2, and the fourth-ranked Pinnacle Rockies, 10-1.



off a 6-3 putout play. The same thing happened in the second and third inning with Kintaro earning two Ks apiece and no more than three McDonald's batters making an appearance at the plate. McDonald's was also done after three batters in the fourth, although leadoff batter Donovan Deleon Guerrero walked to first before being tagged out to third. Kintaro got one more strikeout in the fourth.

While Kintaro pitched all throughout the game, McDonald's used three different pitchers, who failed to get into their form, allowing too many walks (9). To make things worse for McDonald's some of its fielders also committed a couple of errors.

Sho Taguchi started for McDonald's and although he did

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The Talaabwogh Falcons' Jester Kintaro pitches against McDonald's during the bottom of the third inning of their title game in the Major Division of the SLBB last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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GHD, Lyn's Heat complete q'finals cast

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GHD and Lyn's Heat notched the last two quarterfinals tickets in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League after eking out similar close wins over separate foes last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

GHD outlasted Mawati in overtime in the first game, 59-55, while Lyn's Heat pulled off a 62-61 victory over Maplas La Mani in the second match to advance to the next round. GHD

GHD's J.P. Villanueva pulls up for one of his two baskets in overtime during their playoff game against Mawati in the DLX caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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was scheduled to duel the undefeated and Bracket A top finisher Adobo at the start of the quarterfinal round last night, while Lyn's Heat was set to face King's.

Jason Bahillo made the game-tying baskets for GHD, while J.P. Villanueva scored 4 points and Jeff Mendoza came off the bench and nailed a crucial field goal to eliminate Mawati.

Mawati was ousted despite leading by 7 in the last 2:24 of the match, 46-53. It still had the driver's seat with less than a minute left when Bahillo picked Ian Larot's pocket. Larot went for a spin move from the top of the key, but had the ball swiped away from his hands on

his turn and Bahillo finished the great play with a layup to tie the match, 55-all.

Both teams then had chances to win the match in regulation with Omar Ajoste feeding Ran Ferrer at the right wing off an inbound play, but the former missed. Mawati got the rebound with Francis Serrano sprinting to their frontcourt before hitting the breaks for a jumper. He, too, muffed the shot and Larot got the offensive board, but also faltered on his turnaround jumper at the right baseline, sending the game into overtime.

The match remained tied, 55-all, going into the last two minutes of the extension with Villanueva drilling a floater and Larot nailing a jumper. Villanueva then made it back-to-back

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DFS grabs share of Shirley's caging lead

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Defending champion DFS Galleria forced a tie for the lead in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League after rallying past Kanoa Resort, 97-96, last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The game was DFS' last in the regular season and it finished the round-robin elimination with a 6-3 record for a share of the top spot with PSS/Hoopaholics. The win gave the defending champion a strong finish as it won six of its last seven games after a 0-2 start. Kanoa dropped its last two games and with its 2-6 slate is already out of the eight-team playoffs regardless of the results of its final match in the regular season last night against Dollar Days (5-3).

Kanoa missed a chance to march into the playoffs after collapsing in the fourth quarter. DFS wiped out Kanoa's 13-point advantage at the end of the third canto, 58-71, as Jack Lizza and Elmer Esdrelon teamed

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DFS Galleria's Keoni Charlton goes for a left handed layup to avoid being blocked by Kanoa Resort's Perry Inos during the second quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

